

HB 101 INTRODUCED BY SIMON, ET AL.
DESIGNATE ENGLISH AS OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGE

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1 ^{HB} BILL NO. 101
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO DESIGNATE ENGLISH AS
 5 THE OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGE." Peterson E. Smith Reating
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 7 Harding Severson B. Miller Tweet
 8 WHEREAS, the people of the United States have brought
 9 to this nation the cultural heritage of many nations; and
 10 WHEREAS, the United States has been greatly enriched by
 11 such cultural diversity and promotes the dignity of all the
 12 heritages that form our pluralistic society; and
 13 WHEREAS, the people of the United States, despite their
 14 many differences, have lived together harmoniously and
 15 productively as citizens of one nation; and
 16 WHEREAS, the traditional language of the United States
 17 has always been English, a knowledge of which is essential
 18 to the full exercise of constitutional freedoms, citizen
 19 checks against government abuses, and individual prosperity
 20 and independence; and
 21 WHEREAS, the English language has been our strongest
 22 bond to one another as fellow citizens and has contributed
 23 substantially to national unity and societal cohesiveness;
 24 and
 25 WHEREAS, English is our language by custom only and
 enjoys no special legal protection.

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