

SB0245



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB0245

Introduced 1/31/2019, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Preferred Terminology in Government Documents Act. Provides that all State and local government, statutes, codes, rules, regulations, and other official documents enacted on and after the effective date of this Act are required to use the term "Asian" when referring to persons of Asian descent. Provides that the term "Oriental" is prohibited. Provides that the General Assembly urges all State and local entities to review their statutes, codes, rules, regulations, and other official documents and revise them to omit use of the term "Oriental" when referring to persons of Asian descent. Provides findings.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Preferred Terminology in Government Documents Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that the
7 use of the term "Oriental" when used to refer to persons of
8 Asian descent is outdated and is a pejorative. There is need to
9 make clear that the term "Asian" is preferred terminology, and
10 that this more modern and non-pejorative term must be used to
11 replace outdated terminology.

12 Section 10. Preferred terminology.

13 (a) All State and local government, statutes, codes, rules,
14 regulations, and other official documents enacted on and after
15 the effective date of this Act are required to use the term
16 "Asian" when referring to persons of Asian descent. The term
17 "Oriental" is prohibited.

18 (b) The General Assembly urges all State and local entities
19 to review their statutes, codes, rules, regulations, and other
20 official documents and revise them to omit use of the term
21 "Oriental" when referring to persons of Asian descent.