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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. For information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's First Annual Report, information about ARC Council Members and staff, and much more, you can also visit the Council's website at [www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov](http://www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the Reform Act provides: that the Council is to monitor cost savings from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the Council submit an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after a specified period, the Council has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the Reform Act and, if it finds that Amtrak cannot, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA prescribes that the Council is to consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and the leadership of the Congress. Members serve a five-year term.

Issued in Washington, DC, March 6, 2001.

**Thomas A. Till,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

**DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* 2002 Census of Governments, Prelist Survey of Special Districts.

*Form Number(s):* G-24.

*Agency Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 1,520 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,039.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau requests OMB approval of data collection Form G-24. This form will be used to update the universe list of special district governments for the 2002 Census of Governments authorized by Title 13 of the United States Code. This form will be used specifically to verify the existence of special districts for the 2002 Census of Governments and to obtain current addresses and to identify new districts. The information requested on this form is identical to that requested in the prelist phase of the 1997 Census of Governments. The G-24 survey form will be imprinted with a list of known special districts within the areas of each of the 3,039 counties, consolidated city-county governments, and independent cities designated to receive the form. Respondents will use the G-24 form to update the listing by correcting the imprinted special district list and by reporting any additional districts. The mail canvass is supplemented by calls to major nonrespondents. Procedures, with the exception of using more advanced computer technology to generate the form imprinted with the list of known special districts, are the same as used for the 1997 Prelist Survey.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or Tribal government.

*Frequency:* Every 5 years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC, Section 161.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [mclayton@doc.gov](mailto:mclayton@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Decision of the Secretary of Commerce to Release the Tabulations of Population Reported to States and Localities Pursuant to 13 U.S.C. 141(c)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On March 6, 2001, the Secretary of Commerce announced his acceptance of the recommendations of the Census Bureau and made a final determination that unadjusted data should be used in calculating the tabulations of population to be reported to States and localities pursuant to 13 U.S.C. 141(c). This notice publishes the Secretary's decision memorandum of March 7, 2001, providing the rationale for his determination.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alden F. Abbott, Acting General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-1328.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through the Census Act, which is codified in title 13 of the United States Code, Congress has delegated to the Secretary of Commerce its broad constitutional authority to conduct the decennial census (see U.S. Constitution Art. I, Sec. 2, Cl.3). Included in the Census Act is a requirement for the Secretary to report tabulations of population to States and localities pursuant to 13 U.S.C. 141(c).

To meet this reporting requirement in connection with Census 2000, the Secretary decided the appropriate methodology to be used in calculating the tabulations of populations to be reported to States and localities for redistricting purposes. The procedural framework within which the Secretary made his decision is codified at Part 101 of Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations. Specifically, a committee of senior career officials of the Census Bureau reported to the Director of the Census. This committee unanimously recommended the release of unadjusted data. The Director of the Census forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce the committee's report along with the Director's concurrence in and approval of the committee's recommendation (66 FR 14004, March 8, 2001). In addition,