

An Act for the Recognition of English as the Official Language of the Dominion of British West Florida

The House of Lords of the Dominion of British West Florida, affirming that this Dominion is founded upon principles that acknowledge the supremacy of God, the dignity and worth of the all people and the position of the family in a society of free people and free institutions;

Whereas a single Language - Accessible to all of the People - is needful for self-Governance, and
Whereas the Language of the majority of the Citizens of the Dominion is English, and
Whereas the Language of our Sovereign Lady, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, is English, and
Whereas the Declaration of an Official Language in no way hinders the use of other languages for personal expression in non official contexts, and
Whereas as single Language of Reference makes translation to and from other languages easier to verify as correct.

Now, therefore by the Grace of Queen Elizabeth the second's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons of the Dominion of British West Florida, we enact as follows:

We Declare that the Official Language of the Dominion of British West Florida is and always has been English.

We Declare that no testimony or legal instrument is valid until and unless it is rendered into English.

We Direct that English shall be taught in all Schools within the Dominion.

We Direct that all Government Funded Schools shall teach all subjects not specifically identified as 'Foreign Languages' in English.

We Direct that provision be made for the tutoring of those who do not posses an adequate grasp of the English Language.

We Prohibit the use of any other Language in the transaction of Government Business, the acts of Mercy and Necessity excluded.

Approved by the House of Lords 14 June in the Year of our Lord 2006.

Laid before the Throne on 10 July 2006.

Granted the Royal Assent by His Excellency the Governor-General 12 July 2006.

