

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1006 passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Texas can better address the unique needs of welfare recipients and assist more families to become independent from public assistance without House Bill No. 1006.

Both the Texas and federal welfare-to-work laws and initiatives emphasize the value of work for families striving to become independent of cash assistance offered through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. TANF clients must be encouraged to take advantage of free services through their local workforce development boards that can help them find and keep jobs. House Bill No. 1006 would codify a significant number of long-term TANF work exemptions. The goal of excusing from work requirements those people who truly cannot work can best be accomplished through flexible agency rules.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

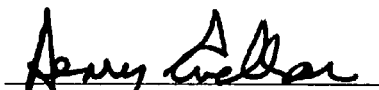
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2001.



Rick Perry
Governor of Texas



ATTESTED BY:


Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

June 17, 2001
Austin, Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:30 P.M. O'CLOCK

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