



Southern Opportunities in Law

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In 2011 South Texas and the Texas Panhandle made up 6.2% of law students in Texas.
(According to Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

South Texas especially the Rio Grande Valley is growing at a rapid rate. The U.S. Census for year 2020 projects the population in Hidalgo County to exceed one million.

The Texas region of counties from Nueces to Webb south is projected to reach more than 2.5 million in 2020.

After high school the world narrows for students interested in law studies, especially for students wishing to be close to home. The study of law is important to the maintenance of order and fair play. We propose the creation of virtual classrooms that would provide preliminary law courses. We ask for a state supported fiber-optic line in South Texas.

We understand that the cost of a brick and mortar law school is huge and not likely feasible anytime soon. However, we believe that a state supported fiber optic backbone line connecting publicly supported law schools is a good alternative to provide virtual preliminary law classes to students, in their South Texas hometown.

Such a fiber optic line would benefit local governments, schools, businesses, job creation much like the interstate highway system boomed progress in the 1960s and 70s.

As members of the South Texas Youth Congress we respectfully request that you consider a bill in the 2015, 84th Texas Legislative Session that would address this proposal.

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