

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 683**

Introduced by Mello, 5.

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Committee: Natural Resources

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to storm water management; to amend section  
2 81-1178, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create  
3 the Storm Water Management Commission; to repeal the  
4 original section; and to declare an emergency.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Storm Water Management Commission is  
2 created. The commission shall consist of the following members:

3           (a) A member of the Appropriations Committee of the  
4 Legislature, to be appointed by the Executive Board of the  
5 Legislative Council;

6           (b) A member of the Natural Resources Committee of the  
7 Legislature, to be appointed by the executive board;

8           (c) A member of the Urban Affairs Committee of the  
9 Legislature, to be appointed by the executive board;

10          (d) The Director of Environmental Quality or his or her  
11 designee;

12          (e) The Director of Economic Development or his or her  
13 designee;

14          (f) A representative from the League of Nebraska  
15 Municipalities who is employed by a municipality that has a separate  
16 storm sewer system;

17          (g) A representative of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce  
18 who resides in a municipality which has a separate storm sewer  
19 system;

20          (h) The president of a metropolitan utilities district;

21          (i) A member of the Nebraska Association of Commercial  
22 Property Owners, to be appointed by the Governor; and

23          (j) A member of the Omaha Association for a More  
24 Competitive Business Environment, to be appointed by the Governor.

25          (2) Appointments to the commission shall be made no more

1 than thirty days after the effective date of this act. The first  
2 meeting of the commission shall be held no more than forty-five days  
3 after the effective date of this act. The commission shall elect a  
4 chairperson from its members at the first meeting. Members of the  
5 commission shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement  
6 for actual expenses.

7 (3) The commission shall study:

8 (a) The relationship among and adequacy of federal,  
9 state, and local regulations and practices that pertain to storm  
10 water management;

11 (b) The economic impact of actual and potential financing  
12 mechanisms for storm sewer system programs;

13 (c) The role of design, construction, and maintenance  
14 practices by residential, commercial, and industrial property owners  
15 in storm water management; and

16 (d) Options for actual and potential user-charge revenue  
17 mechanisms for funding storm sewer system programs.

18 (4) The commission shall issue a report of its findings  
19 and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislature  
20 and the Governor on or before November 1, 2011.

21 (5) This section terminates on November 1, 2011.

22 Sec. 2. Section 81-1178, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 81-1178 ~~Any~~ Except as expressly provided in section 1 of  
25 this act, any member of any state commission, council, committee, or

1 board which has been created by statute shall be entitled to be  
2 reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as provided in sections  
3 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees whether or not specific  
4 reference is made to such sections.

5           Sec. 3. Original section 81-1178, Reissue Revised  
6 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

7           Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
8 when passed and approved according to law.