

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 730

Approved by the Governor February 1, 1990

Introduced by Warner, 25

AN ACT relating to utility districts; to amend sections 14-1005 and 70-624.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change the compensation for certain district directors; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 14-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

14-1005. (1) Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members thereof within thirty days after the vacancy ~~shall occur~~ occurs. It is the intent and purpose, but not the inducement, of sections 14-1001 to 14-1032, to render the board of directors nonpartisan in character.

(2) Before entering upon their offices, members of the board of directors shall give bond for the faithful performance of their duties in the amount of five thousand dollars each. Before the day fixed for assuming the duties of office, the bond shall, which bond must be filed with the secretary of the metropolitan water district and be approved by the board of directors, or by a judge of the district court of the judicial district which includes the including the metropolitan city, before the day fixed for assuming the duties of office of the metropolitan class.

(3) The chairperson of the board of directors of a metropolitan water district or a metropolitan utilities district shall be paid, as compensation for his or her services, not to exceed the sum of six nine hundred dollars per month. Each of the other members of the board of directors shall be paid, as compensation for his or her services, not to exceed the sum of five eight hundred dollars per month. Any adjustments in compensation shall be made only at regular meetings of the board of directors, and the salaries of the chairperson and other members of such board shall not be increased more often than once in any calendar year.

(4) The chairperson and other members of such board of directors shall also be reimbursed for actual

and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Sec. 2. That section 70-624.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

70-624.02. The members of the board of directors shall be paid their actual expenses, while engaged in the business of the district under the authority of the board of directors, and, for their services, ~~Such~~ ~~such~~ compensation as shall be fixed by the board of directors.

The boards of directors of those districts with gross revenue of less than forty million dollars may fix compensation at not to exceed ~~three thousand six hundred~~ four thousand eight hundred dollars per year as to all members except the president, and not exceeding ~~four thousand two hundred~~ four thousand four hundred dollars a year as to the president.

The boards of directors of those districts with gross revenue of forty million dollars or more may fix compensation at not to exceed ~~six thousand nine hundred~~ six thousand six hundred dollars per year as to all members except the president or chairperson of the board, and not exceeding ~~seven thousand two hundred~~ ten thousand eight hundred dollars per year as to the president or chairperson of the board. All salaries and compensation shall be obligations against, and be paid solely from, the revenue of the district. No director shall receive any other compensation from the district, except as provided in this section, during the term for which he or she was elected or appointed or in the year following the expiration of his or her term, and resignation from such board of directors shall not be construed as the termination of the term of office for which he or she was elected or appointed. A member of the board of directors of a public power district organized under the laws of this state shall not be limited to service on the board of directors in the district in which he or she has been elected so as to preclude service in similar positions of trust on a state, regional, or national level which are the result of his or her membership as a director on such board. For time expended in his or her duties in such position of trust, the director shall not be limited to any existing provisions of law of this state relating to payment of per diem for services as a member of such board of directors, but shall be entitled to receive such additional compensation as may be provided for such service, regardless of the fact that such compensation

may be paid from funds to which his or her district has made contributions in the form of dues or otherwise.

Sec. 3. That original sections 14-1005 and 70-624.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.