

LEGISLATIVE BILL 744

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FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to establish the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; to provide powers and duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. The Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission is hereby established. The commission shall consist of seventeen members to be appointed by the Governor within sixty days after the operative date of this act. The commission shall include members from all regions of the state, representing all major interests and a diverse array of industries. No more than eight of the members shall be affiliated with the same political party. The members shall select a chairperson and a vice chairperson, and all members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The Governor shall fill any vacancy occurring on the commission by appointment. For administrative and budgetary purposes only, the commission shall be housed within the Nebraska State Historical Society. The existence of the commission and terms of the members shall terminate on June 30, 2018.

Sec. 2. The Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission shall develop programs and plans for official observance of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017. The commission shall work closely with various state agencies, boards, commissions, and political subdivisions, including the State Department of Education, the Department of Roads, the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Game and Parks Commission, and the Nebraska Tourism Commission, to execute commemorative events and to implement educational activities. The commission may also seek the guidance and support of any other groups or organizations the commission deems necessary or helpful in fulfilling its purpose.

The commission may employ personnel, contract for services, and receive and expend gifts, grants, and donations to aid in the performance of its duties. The commission is empowered to expend any appropriations authorized by the Legislature to carry out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2014.

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