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LEGISLATIVE BILL 713

Introduced by Erdman, 47.

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation
- 2 Commission; to amend section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compensation of members
- 4 of the commission; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative
- 5 date; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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Section 1. Section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

2 amended to read:

3 57-904 There is hereby established the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The commission shall consist of three members to 4 5 be appointed by the Governor. The director of the state geological survey shall serve the commission in the capacity as its technical advisor, but 6 7 with no power to vote. Any two commissioners shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. At least one member of the commission shall have had 8 9 experience in the production of oil or gas and shall have resided in the State of Nebraska for at least one year. Each of the other members of the 10 commission shall have resided in the State of Nebraska for at least three 11 years. Initially, two of said members shall be appointed for a term of 12 13 two years each; and one shall be appointed for a term of four years. At the expiration of the initial terms all members thereafter appointed 14 shall serve for a term of four years. The Governor may at any time remove 15 any appointed member of the commission for cause, and by appointment, 16 with the approval of the Legislature, shall fill any vacancy on the 17 18 commission.

The members of the commission shall receive as compensation for 19 their services the sum of five hundred fifty dollars per day for each day 20 actually devoted to the business of the commission, except ; Provided, 21 that they shall not receive a sum in any one year in excess of six two 22 thousand dollars each. Beginning in December 2020 and once every five 23 years thereafter during the month of December, the director of the 24 commission may recommend to the voting members of the commission an 25 increase or decrease in compensation for days devoted in service to the 26 business of the commission. In addition, each member of the commission 27 shall be reimbursed for his or her actual and necessary traveling and 28 other expenses incurred in connection with the carrying out of his or her 29 duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees. 30

Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2019.

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1 Sec. 3. Original section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of

2 Nebraska, is repealed.