

LEGISLATIVE BILL 405

Approved by the Governor April 16, 2021

Introduced by Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to village boards of trustees; to amend section 17-209.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to officers and employees of villages; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. Section 17-209.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

17-209.02 (1)(a) The village board of trustees may, by ordinance, combine or merge any elective or appointive village office or village employment or any combination of duties of any such offices or employments, except that the office of village trustee shall not be combined or merged with any other village office or village employment except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) The village offices or village employments combined or merged shall always be construed to be separate and the effect of the combination or merger shall be limited to a consolidation of official duties only.

(2)(a) The office of village trustee shall not be combined or merged with any other village office or village employment, except that a member of the village board of trustees may receive compensation to perform seasonal or emergency work upon approval by the village board of trustees.

(b) No member of the village board of trustees shall receive compensation from the village in excess of the maximum amount provided by law.

(3) For purposes of this section, volunteer firefighters and volunteer rescue squad personnel shall not be considered village officers.

~~The village board of trustees may by ordinance combine and merge any elective or appointive office or employment or any combination of duties of any such offices or employments, except trustee, with any other elective or appointive office or employment so that one or more of such offices or employments or any combination of duties of any such offices or employments may be held by the same officer or employee at the same time, except that trustees may perform and upon village board of trustees approval receive compensation for seasonal or emergency work subject to sections 49-14,103.01 to 49-14,103.06. The offices or employments so merged and combined shall always be construed to be separate and the effect of the combination or merger shall be limited to a consolidation of official duties only. The salary or compensation of the officer or employee holding the merged and combined offices or employments or offices and employments shall not be in excess of the maximum amount provided by law for the salary or compensation of the office, offices, employment, or employments so merged and combined. For purposes of this section, volunteer firefighters and ambulance drivers shall not be considered officers.~~

Sec. 2. Original section 17-209.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is repealed.