

AMENDMENTS TO LB69

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 **Section 1.** Section 81-2601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 81-2601 (1) There is hereby established the Commission on African
6 American Affairs. For purposes of sections 81-2601 to 81-2607, commission
7 means the Commission on African American Affairs.

8 (2) The commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be of
9 African ancestry. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the
10 Governor. One member of the commission shall be an individual who
11 identifies as an immigrant or new American and one member shall be a
12 young professional eighteen years of age or older and younger than
13 twenty-five years of age. The commission may have such nonvoting, ex
14 officio members as shall be appointed by the commission and who need not
15 be of African ancestry. The commission shall elect one of its members as
16 chairperson.

17 (3) Members of the commission shall serve no more than two four-year
18 terms or for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy. ~~As the terms~~
19 ~~of the voting members expire, their successors shall be appointed by the~~
20 ~~Governor from a panel of nominees submitted by the public.~~ An appointment
21 for an unexpired term shall follow the same procedure as for initial and
22 subsequent appointments. Voting members shall be eligible for
23 reappointment.

24 (4) The names of all commissioners shall be listed on the
25 commission's website.

26 **Sec. 2.** Section 81-2602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

1 81-2602 The purpose of the commission is to join representatives of
2 African Americans and Black Americans across the diaspora in Nebraska to
3 ~~do all things which the commission may determine to enhance the well-~~
4 ~~being of African Americans~~ cause of African American rights and to
5 develop proactive solutions to problems common to all Nebraska African
6 Americans.

7 **Sec. 3.** Section 81-2603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

9 81-2603 The commission may receive and administer funds from state,
10 federal, and other sources and may employ and fix the compensation of
11 personnel ~~an executive director~~ of its own choosing ~~who shall be an~~
12 ~~African American person and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska.~~ An
13 office for the executive management ~~director~~ shall be provided.

14 **Sec. 4.** Section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:

16 81-2604 The functions of the commission are to:

17 (1) Promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the African
18 American community in Nebraska;

19 (2) Coordinate new and existing programs relating to the African
20 American community in Nebraska regarding key opportunities including, but
21 not limited to, housing, education, welfare, medical and dental care,
22 employment, economic development, law and order, and related themes
23 ~~problems;~~

24 (3) Work with other state and federal government agencies and
25 federal and state elected officials in the development of programs in
26 areas mentioned in subdivision (2) of this section;

27 (4) Keep the Governor's office apprised of the situation in the
28 African American community in Nebraska;

29 (5) Administer sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

30 (6) Provide the public with information and education relevant to
31 African American affairs in Nebraska; and

1 (7) Develop initiatives ~~programs~~ to encourage the total involvement
2 of African American people in activities for the common benefit of the
3 African American community.

4 **Sec. 5.** Section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 81-2606 (1) The commission shall meet at least once every calendar
7 year in the city with the largest African American population. Public
8 notice of a meeting shall be required no later than seven calendar days
9 prior to the date of such meeting and shall be published on the
10 commission's website, social media, and shared with local media outlets
11 quarter. Meetings shall be held in January, April, July, and October.
12 Special meetings may be called at the request of eight voting members.
13 Eight voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
14 transaction of business. Commission meeting minutes shall be posted on
15 the commission's website.

16 (2) The office of any member of the commission who, without a valid
17 excuse, fails to attend annual ~~quarterly~~ or special meetings shall be
18 vacant.

19 (3) The commission shall electronically submit an annual report to
20 the Clerk of the Legislature containing a summary of the following:

21 (a) An overview of the commission's mission, key achievements,
22 challenges, and primary goals for the coming year;

23 (b) Legislative advocacy and policy impact including the
24 commission's role in supporting or proposing legislation, policies for
25 which the commission advocated, supported, or implemented that impacted
26 the African American community and the progress made on the policies
27 described in sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

28 (c) Community engagement programs including initiatives, outreach,
29 public forums, and partnerships with community organizations;

30 (d) Economic development initiatives including efforts to improve
31 economic opportunities within the African American community, employment

1 programs, small business support, training, and progress in reducing
2 economic disparities;

3 (e) Education and workforce development including educational
4 initiatives, such as scholarships, mentoring programs, partnerships with
5 schools, and efforts to ensure African American youth and adults have
6 access to career advancement opportunities;

7 (f) Health and wellness initiatives including programs that address
8 health disparities, wellness promotion, and increasing access to health
9 care resources;

10 (g) Criminal justice and public safety efforts including those that
11 address disparities in the criminal justice system, programs for formerly
12 incarcerated individuals, and improvements in police-community relations;

13 (h) Housing and community development including initiatives to
14 address issues such as affordable housing, eviction prevention efforts,
15 and partnerships with housing agencies;

16 (i) Metrics and key performance indicators including data that
17 demonstrates the impact of each program or initiative, such as employment
18 rates, graduation rates, health outcomes, and recidivism rates in the
19 African American community;

20 (j) Financial information including the commission's budget, funding
21 sources, expenditures, grants received, and public funds allocated;

22 (k) Public feedback and a community needs assessment including
23 feedback from the community on the effectiveness of the commission's work
24 and priority areas for improvement; and

25 (l) Future goals and strategic plans including goals for the
26 upcoming year and long-term objectives with a focus on addressing
27 challenges and advancing the commission's mission.

28 **Sec. 6.** Section 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 81-2607 (1) For purposes of administration of the commission during
31 the interim between regular annual quarterly meetings, there is hereby

1 established an executive board of the Commission on African American
2 Affairs consisting of the chairperson of the commission and four members
3 of the commission.

4 (2) The executive board may enter into contracts for consultation
5 services, supplies, and equipment, if the amount contracted for does not
6 exceed two thousand dollars in any one contract, and may supervise all
7 initiatives ~~programs~~ relating to the affairs of African American people
8 instituted and authorized by the commission.

9 **Sec. 7.** Original sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604,
10 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.