

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 369

Approved by the Governor April 25, 1983

Introduced by Government, Military & Veterans Affairs  
Committee, Landis, 46, Chairperson;  
Beutler, 28; R. Johnson, 34; Chambers, 11;  
Vickers, 38; Goll, 16

AN ACT relating to bonds of public officers and employees;  
to amend sections 11-126, 51-403, and 80-401.08,  
Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and  
section 11-119, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
1982; to increase the bond penalties of certain  
state officers; to permit the purchase of  
blanket bonds for certain officers, deputies,  
and employees; to harmonize provisions; and to  
repeat the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 11-119, Revised  
Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows:  
11-119. The following named officers shall  
execute a bond with penalties of the following amounts:

- (1) The Governor, fifty one hundred thousand  
dollars;
- (2) The Lieutenant Governor, fifty one hundred  
thousand dollars;
- (3) The Auditor of Public Accounts, fifty one  
hundred thousand dollars;
- (4) The Secretary of State, fifty one hundred  
thousand dollars;
- (5) The Attorney General, fifty one hundred  
thousand dollars;
- (6) The State Treasurer, not less than ~~six~~  
hundred thousand one million dollars, and not more than  
double the amount of money that may come into his or her  
hands, to be fixed by the Governor;
- (7) Each county attorney, in a sum not less than  
one thousand dollars, to be fixed by the county board;
- (8) Each clerk of the district court, not less  
than five thousand dollars, nor more than one hundred  
thousand dollars, to be determined by the county board;
- (9) Each county clerk, not less than one  
thousand dollars, nor more than one hundred thousand  
dollars, to be determined by the county board; PROVIDED,

that when a county clerk also has the duties of other county offices the minimum bond shall be two thousand dollars;

(10) Each county treasurer, not less than ten thousand dollars, and not more than the amount of money that may come into his or her hands, to be determined by the county board;

~~(11)~~ Each county judge, five thousand dollars;

~~(12)~~ (11) Each sheriff, in counties of not more than twenty thousand inhabitants, five thousand dollars; over twenty thousand inhabitants, ten thousand dollars;

~~(13)~~ (12) Each county superintendent of public instruction or district superintendent of public instruction, one thousand dollars;

~~(14)~~ (13) Each county surveyor, five hundred dollars;

~~(15)~~ (14) Each county commissioner or supervisor, in counties of not more than twenty thousand inhabitants, one thousand dollars; over twenty thousand and not more than thirty thousand inhabitants, two thousand dollars; over thirty thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants, three thousand dollars; over fifty thousand inhabitants, five thousand dollars;

~~(16)~~ (15) Each register of deeds in counties having a population of more than sixteen thousand five hundred inhabitants, not less than two thousand dollars nor more than one hundred thousand dollars to be determined by the county board;

~~(17)~~ (16) Each constable, three hundred dollars;

~~(18)~~ (17) Each township clerk, two hundred fifty dollars;

~~(19)~~ (18) Each township treasurer, two thousand dollars;

~~(20)~~ (19) Each county assessor, not more than five thousand dollars and not less than two thousand dollars;

~~(21)~~ (20) Each school district treasurer, not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than double the amount of money that may come into his or her hands, the amount to be fixed by the president and secretary of the district;

~~(22)~~ (21) Each road overseer, two hundred fifty dollars; and

~~(23)~~ (22) Each member of a county weed district board, and the manager thereof, such amount as may be determined by the county board of commissioners or supervisors of each county, with the same amount to apply to each member of any particular board.

All other state officers, department heads, and employees shall be bonded under the blanket surety bond required by section 11-201.

Sec. 2. That section 11-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

11-126. Whenever any deputy or employee of any county treasurer, county attorney, clerk of the district court, county clerk, ~~county judge, clerk of the county court,~~ county assessor, register of deeds, county sheriff, county superintendent of public instruction, or county commissioner or supervisor shall be required by law or the order of the county board of any county to supply bond, and either (1) such deputy or employee shall furnish a bond by a surety company, which bond shall be approved by the county board, and the county may pay the premium for such bond; or (2) the county board may arrange and pay for the writing of a blanket corporate surety bond for the benefit of the county, bonding (a) all such employees of the county or (b) all such deputy county officials or (c) both (a) and (b).

Sec. 3. That section 51-403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

51-403. The powers and duties of the Nebraska Library Commission shall be (1) to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with law for its government and operations, (2) to appoint a director, at a salary to be fixed by the commission, who shall be a technically trained, qualified, and experienced librarian, a graduate of an American Library Association accredited library school, to administer the work of the commission as hereinafter specified, ~~(3) to require the director to execute an official bond to the State of Nebraska in the penal sum of three thousand dollars,~~ ~~(4) (3) to authorize the director to employ such assistance as may be necessary to properly carry out the requirements of sections 51-401 to 51-410,~~ ~~(5) (4) to be responsible for the statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library programs and services in accordance with nationally acceptable library standards,~~ ~~(6) (5) to receive, as the legally designated state governmental agency, federal library funds which by federal law are to be dispersed within the state by a prescribed formula,~~ ~~(7) (6) to accept and administer any gifts, bequests, and legacies which, in the opinion of the director and the commission, may be of value to it, and~~ ~~(8) (7) to make a biennial report for the past two fiscal years to the Governor of its activities and the progress of its work on or before December 15 in each even-numbered year.~~

Sec. 4. That section 80-401.08, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

80-401.08. The members of the Veterans' Advisory Commission shall annually appoint one of its members as chairperson and one as secretary. The members of the commission shall each qualify by taking and subscribing an oath of office, ~~and giving bond to the State of Nebraska in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, with corporate surety to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the~~

~~duties of his or her office.~~ No member shall receive any salary for his or her services, but each shall be reimbursed for his or her actual and necessary expenses incurred by him or her in performing his or her duties as provided in sections 84-306.01 to 84-306.05 for state employees.

Sec. 5. That original sections 11-126, 51-403, and 80-401.08, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 11-119, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, are repealed.