

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 5

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1997

Introduced by Executive Board: Coordsen, 32, Chairperson, Preister, 5

AN ACT relating to the Joint Merit System; to amend sections 48-226, 48-227, and 81-1329, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to delete references to the Joint Merit System Council, the Joint Merit System Revolving Fund, Joint Merit System regulations, and Joint Merit System operations; to harmonize provisions; to delete obsolete provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 48-228, 81-8,106, 81-8,107, 81-1308, 81-1309, and 81-1310, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Section 1. Section 48-226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-226. A preference shall be given to preference eligibles seeking employment with the State of Nebraska or its governmental subdivisions in those agencies where there is no merit system in effect.

Sec. 2. Section 48-227, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-227. A preference shall be given to preference eligibles seeking employment with the State of Nebraska or its governmental subdivisions in those agencies where there is a merit system in effect except as provided in section 48-228.

Veterans who obtain passing scores on all parts or phases of an examination shall have five points added to their passing score if a claim for such points is made on the application. An additional five points shall be added to the passing score of any disabled veteran.

Sec. 3. Section 81-1329, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1329. (1) The Legislature hereby approves the State of Nebraska Classification and Pay Plan dated June 1, 1972, as revised December 31, 1972, and amendments thereto, as prepared by the personnel division of the Department of Administrative Services, and directs its implementation commencing July 1, 1973. On July 1, 1973, the Director of Personnel and the Merit System Office for merit system agencies shall deposit one copy of such plan and amendments thereto in the office of the Clerk of the Legislature and one copy in the office of the Secretary of State. Further amendments shall be effective on the date of approval by the Director of Personnel and the Merit System Office for merit system agencies and shall remain effective until or unless specifically disapproved by the Legislature. Such amendments shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Legislature and Secretary of State on October 1, 1973, and quarterly thereafter. To insure uniformity of position classification and pay throughout all agencies of state government during the period prior to the merger of the State Personnel System and the Nebraska Joint Merit System, the Director of Personnel shall review all classification and pay actions taken by the Joint Merit System Council for conformance with the state plan and his or her recommendations shall become a permanent part of the record to be forwarded to the appropriate federal agency for its review action.

(2) The Director of Personnel is hereby directed to amend the State of Nebraska Classification and Pay Plan so as to provide all full-time state employees with an hourly wage of at least two dollars and sixty cents as of July 1, 1976.

Sec. 4. Original sections 48-226, 48-227, and 81-1329, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 5. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 48-228, 81-8,106, 81-8,107, 81-1308, 81-1309, and 81-1310, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.