

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1116**

Introduced by Erdman, 47.

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Committee: Agriculture

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend section 2-101, Revised  
2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change state  
3 fair and Nebraska State Fairgrounds provisions; and to  
4 repeal the original section.

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

1           Section 1. Section 2-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3           2-101 (1) The Nebraska State Fair Board, formerly known  
4 as the State Board of Agriculture, shall hold an annual meeting for  
5 the purpose of deliberating and consulting as to the wants,  
6 prospects, and conditions of the agricultural, horticultural,  
7 industrial, mechanical, and other interests throughout the state,  
8 as well as those interests in the encouragement and perpetuation of  
9 the arts, skilled crafts, and sciences.

10           (2) The Nebraska State Fair Board may provide in its  
11 constitution and bylaws for the qualification and participation  
12 of delegates at the annual meeting from such associations  
13 incorporated under the laws of the state for purposes of promoting  
14 and furthering the interests of participants in agricultural,  
15 horticultural, industrial, mechanical, or other pursuits or for the  
16 encouragement and perpetuation of the arts, skilled crafts, and  
17 sciences, and from such associations as provide for the training,  
18 encouragement, and competition of the youth of Nebraska in such  
19 endeavors. The annual meeting shall be held in every odd-numbered  
20 year at the capital of the state and in every even-numbered year at  
21 such location as the board determines. The chairperson of the board  
22 shall also have the power to call meetings of the board whenever he  
23 or she may deem it expedient. All meetings of the board shall be  
24 conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

25           (3) The state fair shall be held at ~~or near the city of~~

1 ~~Lincoln, in Lancaster County,~~ under the direction and supervision  
2 of the Nebraska State Fair Board.  ~~upon the site and tract of land~~  
3  ~~selected and now owned by the state for that purpose and known as~~  
4  ~~the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.~~ The board may, at its discretion,  
5 hold or dispense with the holding of the fair, in any year.

6 (4) In the event that the Nebraska State Fair Board  
7 notifies the Department of Administrative Services that the board  
8 intends to vacate the site and tract of land owned by the State  
9 of Nebraska and known as the Nebraska State Fairgrounds as the  
10 location of the state fair, the Department of Administrative  
11 Services shall have an appraisal of the land and improvements  
12 thereon done. Any order of disposition pursuant to section 72-813  
13 of the property by the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee  
14 for reutilization for other state purposes, including utilization  
15 by the University of Nebraska, shall require, notwithstanding  
16 sections 72-811 to 72-818, that the acquiring agency or the  
17 University of Nebraska transfer an amount equal to the appraised  
18 value of the land and improvements, or thirty million dollars,  
19 whichever is greater, to the Nebraska State Fair Support and  
20 Improvement Cash Fund. If no such offer of utilization is made by a  
21 state agency or the University of Nebraska, the Vacant Building and  
22 Excess Land Committee shall order that the property be prepared and  
23 offered for sale and the proceeds of such sale, after deduction for  
24 any selling expenses incurred by the Department of Administrative  
25 Services, shall be remitted to the Nebraska State Fair Support and

1 Improvement Cash Fund.

2                   Sec. 2. Original section 2-101, Revised Statutes

3 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.