## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1292**

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend
- 2 section 84-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
- 3 provisions relating to actions for declaratory judgments; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 84-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 84-911 (1) The validity of any rule or regulation may be determined
- 4 upon a petition for a declaratory judgment thereon addressed to the
- 5 district court of Lancaster County if the petitioner has standing to file
- 6 the petition as described in subsection (3) of this section it appears
- 7 that the rule or regulation or its threatened application interferes with
- 8 or impairs or threatens to interfere with or impair the legal rights or
- 9 privileges of the petitioner. The agency shall be made a party to the
- 10 proceeding. The declaratory judgment may be rendered whether or not the
- 11 petitioner has first requested the agency to pass upon the validity of
- 12 the rule or regulation in question.
- 13 (2) The court shall declare the rule or regulation invalid if it
- 14 finds that it violates constitutional provisions, exceeds the statutory
- 15 authority of the agency, or was adopted without compliance with the
- 16 statutory procedures. For purposes of this subsection, statutory
- 17 procedures shall not include procedures provided under the Negotiated
- 18 Rulemaking Act.
- 19 <u>(3) The following persons have standing to file a petition for a</u>
- 20 <u>declaratory judgment under this section:</u>
- 21 <u>(a) Any Nebraska taxpayer; and</u>
- 22 (b) Any person whose legal rights or privileges are interfered with
- 23 or impaired or who faces a threat of interference with or impairment of
- 24 <u>such rights or privileges by a rule or regulation or its threatened</u>
- 25 <u>application</u>.
- 26 Sec. 2. Original section 84-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 27 Nebraska, is repealed.