

AMENDMENTS TO LB 731

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

3 "Section 1. Sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be known
4 and may be cited as the Rural Technology Development Act.

5 Sec. 2. The purposes of the Rural Technology Development
6 Act are to:

7 (1) Promote cooperation between political subdivisions in
8 order to create the potential to reduce taxes at the local level
9 through the efficient use of modern technology;

10 (2) Provide an efficient system to provide technological
11 support and training;

12 (3) Recognize that the year 2000 issue may require
13 extensive computer technology acquisitions and that the most
14 efficient solution to resolving this issue is through a cooperative
15 effort;

16 (4) Encourage the state's goal of efficient, available,
17 online government; and

18 (5) Create greater purchasing power through quantity
19 purchases by certain political subdivisions, and provide a
20 mechanism to allocate costs across multiple years.

21 Sec. 3. The Nebraska Information Technology Commission
22 shall include in the statewide technology plan recommendations
23 regarding the computer and networking needs of rural governments,
24 based upon a study of representative areas of the state. The study

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1 shall include an analysis of the requirements of rural governments
2 for access to information, a review of available resources, and
3 identification of options. The recommendations shall address
4 funding, training, technical assistance, the role of state
5 government, and a technology planning process for rural
6 communities.

7 Sec. 4. The intergovernmental data services division of
8 the Department of Administrative Services shall coordinate
9 aggregate purchasing of personal computers by political
10 subdivisions as part of an effort to address year 2000 issues. The
11 intergovernmental data services division shall collaborate with the
12 material division of the department, the information management
13 services division of the department, and associations of local
14 governments. The intergovernmental data services division shall
15 prescribe standard configurations of personal computers to serve
16 different categories of need. Participation by political
17 subdivisions shall be voluntary. Nothing in this section shall
18 affect the authority of political subdivisions to purchase
19 equipment through state contracts or local contracts.".