

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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FINAL READING

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend section
2 81-1255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
3 provisions relating to membership on the county visitors
4 committee; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1255, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 81-1255. The governing body of the county shall after a
4 public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County Visitors
5 Promotion Fund and a visitors committee which shall serve as an
6 advisory committee to the county board in administering the
7 proceeds from the taxes provided to the county by the Nebraska
8 Visitors Development Act. The governing body of a county with a
9 population of more than three hundred thousand inhabitants may also
10 after a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County
11 Visitors Improvement Fund. The proceeds of the County Visitors
12 Promotion Fund shall be used generally to promote, encourage, and
13 attract visitors to come to the county and use the travel and
14 tourism facilities within the county. The proceeds of the County
15 Visitors Improvement Fund shall be used to improve the visitor
16 attractions and facilities in the county, except that no proceeds
17 shall be used to improve a facility in which parimutuel wagering is
18 conducted. If the visitors committee determines that the visitor
19 attractions in the county are adequate and do not require
20 improvement, the committee may use the County Visitors Improvement
21 Fund to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the county to
22 use the county's travel and tourism facilities. The committee
23 shall consist of five to seven members appointed by the governing
24 body of the county. Two members of the committee shall be in the
25 hotel industry.

26 Such appointees shall serve without compensation, except
27 for reimbursement for necessary expenses. Committee members shall
28 serve for terms of four years, except that ~~two~~ at least half of

1 those ~~initially~~ appointed shall be appointed for initial terms of
2 two years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
3 initial appointments. The committee shall elect a chairperson and
4 vice-chairperson from among its members to serve for terms of two
5 years.

6 Sec. 2. Original section 81-1255, Reissue Revised
7 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.