

LEGISLATIVE BILL 706

Approved by the Governor April 17, 2001

Introduced by Beutler, 28

AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Quarter; to establish a committee and design selection process.

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

Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the selection process for the design of the Nebraska State Quarter should utilize the resources of the citizens of the state and invite their participation in the creation and selection of a design which represents Nebraska.

(2) The Nebraska State Quarter Design Committee is created. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) The Secretary of State, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee;

(b) Two experts in the field of Nebraska history appointed by the Nebraska State Historical Society;

(c) Two artists with experience in graphic design or art history appointed by the Nebraska Arts Council;

(d) Two experts in the field of coin collecting or design appointed by the Governor; and

(e) An expert in Nebraska culture appointed by the Nebraska Humanities Council.

(3) The committee shall establish a process to solicit and accept design submissions from the design community and the public. The process shall include at least the following:

(a) A period of at least six months during which the design community and the public may submit designs;

(b) The opportunity for the public to informally express its preferences on the ideas submitted by the design community and the public; and

(c) A publicity campaign to encourage public participation, especially the participation of school-age children.

(4) The committee shall recommend at least five designs to the Governor and may contract for any additional design work which may be necessary to fully articulate any design ideas to be submitted to the Governor.

(5) For administrative and funding purposes, the committee shall be located in the office of the Secretary of State.

(6) Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses pursuant to sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.