

AMENDMENTS TO LB 903

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee:

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

3 Section 1. Section 80-315, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 80-315 (1) The Grand Island Veterans' Home, the Norfolk
6 Veterans' Home, the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home, and the
7 Western Nebraska Veterans' Home are established. On July 1, 2007,
8 the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home is established. The State of
9 Nebraska shall maintain the homes as provided in sections 80-314 to
10 80-331.

11 (2) The veterans' home known as the Thomas Fitzgerald
12 Veterans' Home as of the effective date of this act shall continue
13 to be known by that name until July 1, 2007. On and after July
14 1, 2007, the veterans' home shall be known as the Eastern Nebraska
15 Veterans' Home.

16 Sec. 2. Section 81-1316, Revised Statutes Cumulative
17 Supplement, 2004, is amended to read:

18 81-1316 (1) All agencies and personnel of state
19 government shall be covered by sections 81-1301 to 81-1319 and
20 shall be considered subject to the State Personnel System, except
21 the following:

22 (a) All personnel of the office of the Governor;

23 (b) All personnel of the office of the Lieutenant

1 Governor;

2 (c) All personnel of the office of the Secretary of
3 State;

4 (d) All personnel of the office of the State Treasurer;

5 (e) All personnel of the office of the Attorney General;

6 (f) All personnel of the office of the Auditor of Public
7 Accounts;

8 (g) All personnel of the Legislature;

9 (h) All personnel of the court systems;

10 (i) All personnel of the Board of Educational Lands and
11 Funds;

12 (j) All personnel of the Public Service Commission;

13 (k) All personnel of the Nebraska Brand Committee;

14 (l) All personnel of the Commission of Industrial
15 Relations;

16 (m) All personnel of the State Department of Education;

17 (n) All personnel of the Nebraska state colleges and the
18 Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges;

19 (o) All personnel of the University of Nebraska;

20 (p) All personnel of the Coordinating Commission for
21 Postsecondary Education;

22 (q) All personnel of the Governor's Policy Research
23 Office, but not to include personnel within the State Energy
24 Office;

25 (r) All personnel of the Commission on Public Advocacy;

26 (s) All agency heads;

27 (t) The Director of Medical Services established under

1 section 83-125 and the chief executive officers of the Beatrice
2 State Developmental Center, Lincoln Regional Center, Norfolk
3 Regional Center, Hastings Regional Center, Grand Island Veterans'
4 Home, Norfolk Veterans' Home, Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home
5 prior to July 1, 2007, and the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home
6 on and after July 1, 2007, Western Nebraska Veterans' Home,
7 Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney, and Youth
8 Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva;

9 (u) All personnel employed as pharmacists, physicians,
10 psychiatrists, or psychologists of the Department of Health and
11 Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Finance
12 and Support, and the Department of Health and Human Services
13 Regulation and Licensure; and

14 (v) Deputies and examiners of the Department of Banking
15 and Finance and the Department of Insurance as set forth in
16 sections 8-105 and 44-119, except for those deputies and examiners
17 who remain in the State Personnel System.

18 (2) At each agency head's discretion, up to the following
19 number of additional positions may be exempted from the State
20 Personnel System, based on the following agency size categories:

21	Number of Agency	Number of Noncovered
22	Employees	Positions
23	less than 25	0
24	25 to 100	1
25	101 to 250	2
26	251 to 500	3
27	501 to 1000	4

1	1001 to 2000	5
2	2001 to 3000	8
3	3001 to 4000	11
4	4001 to 5000	14
5	over 5000	17

6 The purpose of having such noncovered positions shall
7 be to allow agency heads the opportunity to recruit, hire,
8 and supervise critical, confidential, or policymaking personnel
9 without restrictions from selection procedures, compensation rules,
10 career protections, and grievance privileges. Persons holding the
11 noncovered positions shall serve at the pleasure of the agency head
12 and shall be paid salaries set by the agency head.

13 (3) No changes to this section or to the number of
14 noncovered positions within an agency shall affect the status
15 of personnel employed on the date the changes become operative
16 without their prior written agreement. A state employee's career
17 protections or coverage by personnel rules and regulations shall
18 not be revoked by redesignation of the employee's position as a
19 noncovered position without the prior written agreement of such
20 employee.

21 Sec. 3. Section 83-107.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
22 Nebraska, is amended to read:

23 83-107.01 The official names of the state institutions
24 under the supervision of the Department of Health and Human
25 Services shall be as follows: (1) Beatrice State Developmental
26 Center, (2) Lincoln Regional Center, (3) Norfolk Regional Center,
27 (4) Hastings Regional Center, (5) Grand Island Veterans' Home, (6)

1 Norfolk Veterans' Home, ~~(7) Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home,~~ ~~(8)~~
2 (7) Western Nebraska Veterans' Home, ~~(9)~~ (8) Youth Rehabilitation
3 and Treatment Center-Kearney, and ~~(10)~~ (9) Youth Rehabilitation and
4 Treatment Center-Geneva.

5 Prior to July 1, 2007, the official name of the state
6 institution under the supervision of the Department of Health and
7 Human Services shall be the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home and,
8 on and after July 1, 2007, shall be the Eastern Nebraska Veterans'
9 Home.

10 Sec. 4. Original sections 80-315 and 83-107.01, Reissue
11 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-1316, Revised Statutes
12 Cumulative Supplement, 2004, are repealed.