

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 291

Introduced by Enrollment and Review Committee: McGill, 26,  
Chairperson

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

3           Section 1. Section 81-15,170, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

5           81-15,170 (1) The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board  
6 is hereby created as an entity of the executive branch. The  
7 board shall consist of the Director of Environmental Quality,  
8 the Director of Regulation and Licensure, the Director of Natural  
9 Resources, the Director of Agriculture, the secretary of the Game  
10 and Parks Commission, and ~~nine~~ eight citizens appointed by the  
11 Governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature.  
12 The citizen members shall begin serving immediately following  
13 notice of nomination and prior to approval by the Legislature.  
14 The citizen members shall represent the general public and shall  
15 have demonstrated competence, experience, and interest in the  
16 environment of the state. ~~Two~~ At least two of the citizen  
17 appointees shall also have experience with private financing of  
18 public-purpose projects. ~~Three appointees shall be chosen from each~~  
19 ~~of the three congressional districts.~~

20           (2) Of the eight citizen appointees appointed pursuant to  
21 subsection (1) of this section, one appointee shall be appointed  
22 from each of the following districts:

23           (a) The first district shall contain the counties of

1 Butler, Cass, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee,  
2 Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, and Seward;

3 (b) The second district shall contain the county of  
4 Douglas;

5 (c) The third district shall contain the counties of  
6 Antelope, Boone, Burt, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge,  
7 Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Stanton, Thurston,  
8 Washington, and Wayne;

9 (d) The fourth district shall contain the counties of  
10 Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Fillmore, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney,  
11 Nuckolls, Polk, Thayer, Webster, and York;

12 (e) The fifth district shall contain the counties of  
13 Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, Hayes,  
14 Hitchcock, Lincoln, Perkins, Phelps, and Red Willow;

15 (f) The sixth district shall contain the counties of  
16 Arthur, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Grant,  
17 Greeley, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson,  
18 Rock, Sherman, Thomas, Valley, and Wheeler;

19 (g) The seventh district shall contain the counties of  
20 Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Keith, Kimball,  
21 Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux; and

22 (h) The eighth district shall contain the county of  
23 Lancaster.

24 (3) A citizen appointee appointed pursuant to this  
25 section as it existed prior to the effective date of this act  
26 may continue to serve until the expiration of his or her term of  
27 office. Within thirty days after the effective date of this act,

1 the Governor shall designate which citizen appointees appointed  
2 prior to the effective date of this act represent the districts  
3 that become effective on the effective date of this act. As the  
4 terms of citizen appointees appointed prior to the effective date  
5 of this act expire as set out in section 81-15,171, appointments  
6 shall be made pursuant to this section as it exists on and after  
7 the effective date of this act.

8           (4) The board shall hire an executive director who shall  
9 hire and supervise other staff members as may be authorized by  
10 the board. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of  
11 the board and be solely responsible to it. The Game and Parks  
12 Commission shall provide administrative support, including, but not  
13 limited to, payroll and accounting functions, to the board.

14           Sec. 2. Section 81-15,171, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
15 Nebraska, is amended to read:

16           81-15,171 The citizen members of the board shall be  
17 appointed for terms of six years, ~~except that of the members first~~  
18 ~~appointed, except directors of agencies, the terms of three shall~~  
19 ~~expire at the end of the second year, three at the end of the~~  
20 ~~fourth year, and three at the end of the sixth year, as designated~~  
21 ~~at the time of appointment.~~ Any member appointed to fill a vacancy  
22 occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his or her  
23 predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of  
24 such term. A vacancy on the board shall exist in the event of the  
25 death, disability, or resignation of a member. All members shall  
26 be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses as  
27 provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

1                   Sec. 3. Original section 81-15,171, Reissue Revised  
2 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-15,170, Revised Statutes  
3 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are repealed.