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LEGISLATIVE BILL 711

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Committee: Executive Board

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 50-401.01,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
3 provisions relating to membership on the Executive Board
4 of the Legislative Council; and to repeal the original
5 section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 50-401.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 50-401.01 (1) The Legislative Council shall have an
4 executive board, to be known as the Executive Board of the
5 Legislative Council, which shall consist of a chairperson, a vice-
6 chairperson, and six members of the Legislature, to be chosen by the
7 Legislature at the commencement of each regular session of the
8 Legislature when the speaker is chosen, and the Speaker of the
9 Legislature. The Legislature at large shall elect two of its members
10 from legislative districts Nos. ~~1, 2, 15, 21 to 30, 32, 34, and 46,~~
11 1, 17, 32 to 38, 40 to 44, 47, and 48, two from legislative districts
12 Nos. ~~3 to 14, 18, 20, 31, 39, and 45,~~ 2, 15, 16, 19, 21 to 30, 45,
13 and 46, and two from legislative districts Nos. ~~16, 17, 19, 33, 35 to~~
14 ~~38, 40 to 44, and 47 to 49.~~ 3 to 14, 18, 20, 31, 39, and 49. The
15 Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations shall serve as a
16 nonvoting ex officio member of the executive board whenever the board
17 is considering fiscal administration.

18 (2) The executive board shall:

19 (a) Supervise all services and service personnel of the
20 Legislature and may employ and fix compensation and other terms of
21 employment for such personnel as may be needed to carry out the
22 intent and activities of the Legislature or of the board, unless
23 otherwise directed by the Legislature, including the adoption of
24 policies by the executive board which permit (i) the purchasing of an
25 annuity for an employee who retires or (ii) the crediting of amounts

1 to an employee's deferred compensation account under section 84-1504.
2 The payments to or on behalf of an employee may be staggered to
3 comply with other law; and

4 (b) Appoint persons to fill the positions of Legislative
5 Fiscal Analyst, Director of Research, Revisor of Statutes, and
6 Legislative Auditor. The persons appointed to these positions shall
7 have training and experience as determined by the executive board and
8 shall serve at the pleasure of the executive board. The Legislative
9 Performance Audit Committee shall recommend the person to be
10 appointed Legislative Auditor. Their respective salaries shall be set
11 by the executive board.

12 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
13 executive board may contract to obtain legal, auditing, accounting,
14 actuarial, or other professional services or advice for or on behalf
15 of the executive board, the Legislative Council, the Legislature, or
16 any member of the Legislature. The providers of such services or
17 advice shall meet or exceed the minimum professional standards or
18 requirements established or specified by their respective
19 professional organizations or licensing entities or by federal law.
20 Such contracts, the deliberations of the executive board with respect
21 to such contracts, and the work product resulting from such contracts
22 shall not be subject to review or approval by any other entity of
23 state government.

24 Sec. 2. Original section 50-401.01, Reissue Revised
25 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.