

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 686**

Introduced by Chambers, 11.

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Committee: Executive Board

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend section 49-501.01, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the publication and
- 3 distribution of the Constitution of Nebraska; to harmonize
- 4 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this  
2 section, following each regular session of the Legislature, the Revisor  
3 of Statutes shall compile an updated copy of the Constitution of  
4 Nebraska, showing all sections as they exist at that time and including  
5 notes after the end of each section as follows:

6           (a) For each section, the Revisor of Statutes shall provide a note  
7 referencing the source of such section and any amendments thereto;

8           (b) If a section is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, in  
9 whole or in part, by the final judgment of a federal court or the  
10 Nebraska Supreme Court, the Revisor of Statutes shall provide a note to  
11 that effect. The Attorney General shall assist the Revisor of Statutes in  
12 complying with this subdivision by promptly notifying the Revisor of  
13 Statutes when any section is declared unconstitutional or inoperative;  
14 and

15           (c) For any section, the Revisor of Statutes may provide additional  
16 notes at his or her discretion.

17           (2) The Revisor of Statutes shall, within two days after the  
18 Legislature has adjourned sine die, transmit the updated copy of the  
19 Constitution of Nebraska as compiled under subsection (1) of this section  
20 to the Secretary of State for his or her review to determine whether the  
21 updated copy accurately reflects the Constitution of Nebraska as it  
22 exists at that time. If the Secretary of State determines that any  
23 changes are necessary, he or she shall, within five days after receipt of  
24 the updated copy, notify the Revisor of Statutes of the changes. The  
25 Revisor of Statutes shall make such changes and then promptly return the  
26 updated copy to the Secretary of State for further review. If the  
27 Secretary of State determines that no changes are necessary or that all  
28 necessary changes have been made by the Revisor of Statutes, the  
29 Secretary of State shall certify the updated copy as an accurate  
30 reflection of the Constitution of Nebraska as it exists at that time. The  
31 Secretary of State shall then transmit the certified copy to the Clerk of

1 the Legislature for distribution no later than ten days after the  
2 Legislature has adjourned sine die.

3 (3) After receiving the certified copy of the Constitution of  
4 Nebraska from the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (2) of this  
5 section, the Clerk of the Legislature shall:

6 (a) Make the certified copy available in electronic form on the  
7 Legislature's web site;

8 (b) Include the certified copy in the session laws compiled and  
9 published pursuant to section 49-501.01; and

10 (c) Print pamphlets of the certified copy for distribution to the  
11 public upon request.

12 (4) The certified copies printed by the Clerk of the Legislature  
13 pursuant to subdivisions (3)(b) and (3)(c) of this section shall  
14 constitute the official version of the Constitution of Nebraska and may  
15 be cited as prima facie evidence of the law in all courts of this state.

16 (5) The Secretary of State shall maintain in his or her office a  
17 copy of every edition of the Constitution of Nebraska certified pursuant  
18 to this section.

19 (6) Following any regular session of the Legislature, if the Revisor  
20 of Statutes determines that there have been no changes to the  
21 Constitution of Nebraska and no changes to the notes required by  
22 subsection (1) of this section, the Revisor of Statutes may decide not to  
23 compile an updated copy of the Constitution of Nebraska for that year. If  
24 the Revisor of Statutes decides not to compile an updated copy for the  
25 year, he or she shall notify the Secretary of State and the Clerk of the  
26 Legislature of such fact and the Clerk of the Legislature shall continue  
27 to use the most recent year's certified copy for purposes of subsection  
28 (3) of this section.

29 Sec. 2. Section 49-501.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 49-501.01 The session laws and journal of the Legislature shall be

1 compiled and published by the Clerk of the Legislature after each regular  
2 session of the Legislature. The session laws and journal may be published  
3 in print or electronic format or in both formats. The session laws shall  
4 contain all the laws passed by the preceding session as well as those  
5 passed during any special session since the last regular session. The  
6 session laws shall also contain a certified copy of the Constitution of  
7 Nebraska as required by section 1 of this act. The clerk shall distribute  
8 one copy of the session laws and journal to each person who was a member  
9 of the Legislature by which the laws were enacted and shall distribute a  
10 second copy to any such person upon his or her request. The clerk shall  
11 provide the session laws and journals to the Secretary of State for  
12 distribution pursuant to sections 49-501 to 49-509.01.

13       Sec. 3. Original section 49-501.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
14 Nebraska, is repealed.