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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1065**

Introduced by Executive Board; Hansen, 16, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Clements, 2; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11.

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Committee:

- 1    A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend section 49-1701, Reissue
- 2       Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions regarding the
- 3       publication and distribution of the Constitution of Nebraska; to
- 4       repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 5    Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1       **Section 1.** Section 49-1701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2       amended to read:

3           49-1701 (1) Following each statewide election at which an amendment  
4       to the Constitution of Nebraska is adopted Except as provided in  
5       subsection (6) of this section, following each regular session of the  
6       Legislature, the Revisor of Statutes shall compile an updated copy of the  
7       Constitution of Nebraska, showing all sections as they exist at that time  
8       and including notes after the end of each section as follows:

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

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

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

20           (2) Within ten calendar days after the board of state canvassers  
21      completes the canvass of a statewide election at which an amendment to  
22      the Constitution of Nebraska is adopted, the Revisor of Statutes shall  
23      The Revisor of Statutes shall, within two days after the Legislature has  
24      adjourned sine die, transmit the updated copy of the Constitution of  
25      Nebraska as compiled under subsection (1) of this section to the  
26      Secretary of State for his or her review to determine whether the updated  
27      copy accurately reflects the text of the Constitution of Nebraska as it  
28      exists at that time. If the Secretary of State determines that any  
29      changes are necessary, he or she shall, within five days after receipt of  
30      the updated copy, notify the Revisor of Statutes of the changes. The  
31      Revisor of Statutes shall make such changes and then promptly return the

1    ~~updated copy to the Secretary of State for further review. If the~~  
2    ~~Secretary of State determines that no changes are necessary or that all~~  
3    ~~necessary changes have been made by the Revisor of Statutes, the~~  
4    ~~Secretary of State shall promptly certify the updated copy as an accurate~~  
5    ~~reflection of the text of the Constitution of Nebraska as it exists at~~  
6    ~~that time and . The Secretary of State shall then transmit the certified~~  
7    ~~copy to the Clerk of the Legislature for distribution no later than ten~~  
8    ~~days after the Legislature has adjourned sine die.~~

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

12                (a) Make the certified copy available in electronic form on the  
13   Legislature's website;

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

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

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

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

25                (6) Following any ~~other statewide general election regular session~~  
26   ~~of the Legislature~~, if the Revisor of Statutes determines that there have  
27   been ~~no changes to the text of the Constitution of Nebraska and no~~  
28   changes to the notes required by subsection (1) of this section, the  
29   Revisor of Statutes may ~~decide not to~~ compile an updated copy of the  
30   Constitution of Nebraska ~~for that year~~. If the Revisor of Statutes  
31   decides ~~not to~~ compile an updated copy ~~for the year~~, he or she shall

1 notify the Secretary of State and the Clerk of the Legislature of such  
2 fact and shall transmit the updated copy to the Secretary of State for  
3 his or her review and certification under subsection (2) and the Clerk of  
4 the Legislature shall continue to use the most recent year's certified  
5 copy for purposes of subsection (3) of this section.

6 **Sec. 2.** Original section 49-1701, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
7 Nebraska, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 3.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
9 passed and approved according to law.