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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.