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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1159

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Hall of Fame; to amend section
- 2 72-728, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the naming
- 3 of a person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 72-728, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 72-728 (1) Except as provided in subsections ~~subsection~~ (2) and (3)
4 of this section, the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission shall not name more
5 than one person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during each five-year period
6 beginning on and after January 1, 2005. During the first two years of
7 each five-year period, the commission shall receive nominations of
8 candidates to be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. The commission shall
9 review the nominations and may select the finalists for induction. During
10 the subsequent two years of each five-year period, the commission shall
11 review the finalists, if any, and shall hold public hearings regarding
12 the finalists in each of the congressional districts. After the hearings,
13 the commission may select one finalist for induction. If a finalist is
14 selected for induction, the commission shall name him or her to the
15 Nebraska Hall of Fame during the final year of each five-year period. No
16 individual shall be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame until at least
17 thirty-five years after such person's demise.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by subsection (1) of
19 this section, the commission shall procure an appropriate plaque upon
20 which shall be placed the names of each Nebraskan awarded the Medal of
21 Honor as a result of such person's services in the armed forces of the
22 United States. Such plaque shall have sufficient space for listing the
23 names of persons who shall be awarded the Medal of Honor in the future.
24 The plaque shall have a suitable place in the State Capitol.

25 (3) Prior to January 1, 2027, the commission shall name one living
26 person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Such person shall:

27 (a) Be a prior member of the United States House of Representatives;

28 (b) Be a former head coach of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
29 football team;

30 (c) Have served as Athletic Director of the University of Nebraska-
31 Lincoln; and

1 (d) Have attended Hastings High School.

2 **Sec. 2.** Original section 72-728, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is repealed.