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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; to
2 amend sections 55-601 and 55-606, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to change the membership of the Commission on Military and
4 Veteran Affairs; to change when a report is required; to eliminate
5 provisions related to a lease agreement for a veterans home and
6 provisions regarding utility services; to repeal the original
7 sections; and to outright repeal sections 80-328 and 80-330, Reissue
8 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 55-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 55-601 (1) The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs is
4 created. The commission shall consist of the following voting members:

5 (a) The Director of Economic Development or his or her designee;

6 (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;

7 (c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or his or her designee; and

8 (d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each
9 congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have
10 current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a
11 background in business.

12 (2) The commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio
13 members:

14 (a) The veterans' program coordinator of the Department of Labor;

15 (b) The chairperson ~~chair~~ of the State Committee of Employer Support
16 of the Guard and Reserve;

17 (c) The commander of the United States Air Force's ~~55th Wing of the~~
18 ~~Air Combat Command~~ or his or her designee;

19 (d) The commander of the United States Strategic Command or his or
20 her designee; and

21 (e) The commander of the United States Air Force's 557th Weather
22 Wing ~~of the United States Air Force~~ or his or her designee; -

23 (f) The commander of the United States Air Force's 95th Wing or his
24 or her designee;

25 (g) The commander of the United States Air Force's 90th Missile Wing
26 or his or her designee;

27 (h) The Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency or his or
28 her designee;

29 (i) The Department of Defense service secretary or service component
30 appointed representative for Nebraska;

31 (j) The commander of any future wing which may be positioned or

1 established in Nebraska or his or her designee; and

2 (k) The commander of any military headquarters located in Nebraska
3 not represented elsewhere in this section or his or her designee.

4 (3) The members of the commission described in subdivision (1)(d) of
5 this section shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall
6 designate the initial terms of the members described in subdivision (1)
7 (d) of this section so that one member serves for a term of two years,
8 one member serves for a term of three years, and one member serves for a
9 term of four years. Succeeding appointments shall be for terms of four
10 years and shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.
11 The terms of the members shall begin on October 1 of the year in which
12 they are appointed unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Appointments to
13 fill a vacancy, occurring other than by the expiration of a term of
14 office, shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose office
15 is vacated.

16 **Sec. 2.** Section 55-606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 55-606 The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs shall prepare
19 a ~~an annual~~ report at the request of the Governor or upon the
20 commission's own determination summarizing the military assets of
21 Nebraska, including installations and missions, and the economic impact
22 of the military assets in Nebraska. The report shall also include
23 recommendations for preserving and sustaining military assets and
24 missions existing in Nebraska and recommendations for actions which the
25 state can take to encourage expanding such assets and missions. The
26 commission shall submit the report electronically to the Legislature, the
27 Governor, and the commanding officer of every military base in Nebraska
28 on or before November 15 of each year.

29 **Sec. 3.** Original sections 55-601 and 55-606, Reissue Revised
30 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

31 **Sec. 4.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections

1 80-328 and 80-330, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.