

LEGISLATIVE BILL 787

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2026

Introduced by Sanders, 45.

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

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

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

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

(a) The Director of Economic Development or his or her designee;
(b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;
(c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or his or her designee; and
(d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a background in business.

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

(a) The veterans' program coordinator of the Department of Labor;
(b) The chairperson ~~chair~~ of the State Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) The commander of any future wing which may be positioned or established in Nebraska or his or her designee; and

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 80-328 and 80-330, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.