

LEGISLATIVE BILL 826

Approved by the Governor February 7, 1990

Introduced by Labeledz, 5, Chairperson, Executive Board

AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 2-15,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 37-1408, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1989; to correct and harmonize internal references to the secretary of the commission; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 2-15,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

2-15,108. There is hereby created the Water Management Board. The board shall consist of five members, including the Director of the Conservation and Survey Division of the University of Nebraska, the ~~Director~~ secretary of the Game and Parks Commission, the Director of Natural Resources, and two members who shall have demonstrated experience in the field of natural resources and who shall be appointed by the Governor. One of the two appointed members shall have expertise in the field of water project development and management. The Director of Natural Resources shall serve as chairperson of the board.

The Water Management Board shall be located within the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission which shall provide office space and staff support for the board. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business and every act of a majority of the members shall be deemed an act of the board.

Sec. 2. That section 37-1408, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1989, be amended to read as follows:

37-1408. The maintenance of a registered natural area in its natural state is hereby declared to be the highest, best, and most important use of the natural area. No entity of local or state government may undertake any activities or use the registered natural area in any way that would negatively impact the values of the natural area without first conducting a public hearing on such negative impact and filing with

the ~~Director~~ secretary of the Game and Parks Commission a statement justifying the negative impact on the natural area of such activities or use.

Sec. 3. That original section 2-15,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 37-1408, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1989, are repealed.