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LEGISLATIVE BILL 686

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Committee: Executive Board

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section
- 2 50-401.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the
- 3 composition of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council; and
- 4 to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 50-401.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
2 is amended to read:

3 50-401.01 (1) The Legislative Council shall have an executive board,
4 to be known as the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, which
5 shall consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and six members of
6 the Legislature, to be chosen by the Legislature at the commencement of
7 each regular session of the Legislature when the speaker is chosen, and
8 the Speaker of the Legislature. The Legislature at large shall elect two
9 of its members from legislative districts Nos. 1, 17, 30, 32 to 35, 37,
10 38, 40 to 44, 47, and 48, two from legislative districts Nos. 2, 3, 15,
11 16, 19, 21 to 29, 45, and 46, and two from legislative districts Nos. 4
12 to 14, 18, 20, 31, 36, 39, and 49. The Chairperson of the Committee on
13 Appropriations shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the
14 executive board whenever the board is considering fiscal administration.

15 (2) The executive board shall:

16 (a) Supervise all services and service personnel of the Legislature
17 and may employ and fix compensation and other terms of employment for
18 such personnel as may be needed to carry out the intent and activities of
19 the Legislature or of the board, unless otherwise directed by the
20 Legislature, including the adoption of policies by the executive board
21 which permit (i) the purchasing of an annuity for an employee who retires
22 or (ii) the crediting of amounts to an employee's deferred compensation
23 account under section 84-1504. The payments to or on behalf of an
24 employee may be staggered to comply with other law; and

25 (b) Appoint persons to fill the positions of Legislative Fiscal
26 Analyst, Director of Research, Revisor of Statutes, and Legislative
27 Auditor. The persons appointed to these positions shall have training and
28 experience as determined by the executive board and shall serve at the
29 pleasure of the executive board. The Legislative Performance Audit
30 Committee shall recommend the person to be appointed Legislative Auditor.
31 Their respective salaries shall be set by the executive board.

1 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the executive board
2 may contract to obtain legal, auditing, accounting, actuarial, or other
3 professional services or advice for or on behalf of the executive board,
4 the Legislative Council, the Legislature, or any member of the
5 Legislature. The providers of such services or advice shall meet or
6 exceed the minimum professional standards or requirements established or
7 specified by their respective professional organizations or licensing
8 entities or by federal law. Such contracts, the deliberations of the
9 executive board with respect to such contracts, and the work product
10 resulting from such contracts shall not be subject to review or approval
11 by any other entity of state government.

12 Sec. 2. Original section 50-401.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
13 Nebraska, is repealed.