

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 624**

FINAL READING

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; to  
2 amend section 81-3710, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022;  
3 to change membership provisions for the Nebraska Tourism Commission;  
4 to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original  
5 section.

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

1 Section 1. Section 81-3710, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2022, is amended to read:

3 81-3710 (1) The Nebraska Tourism Commission is created. ~~The terms of~~  
4 ~~the members serving pursuant to subsection (2) of this section terminate~~  
5 ~~thirty days after August 24, 2017. The terms of the members serving~~  
6 ~~pursuant to subsection (3) of this section begin thirty days after August~~  
7 ~~24, 2017. (2) Until thirty days after August 24, 2017, the commission~~  
8 ~~shall consist of the following members: (a) One representative from the~~  
9 ~~Game and Parks Commission; (b) One representative from the Nebraska~~  
10 ~~Travel Association; (c) One representative from the Nebraska Hotel and~~  
11 ~~Motel Association; (d) One representative from a tourism attraction that~~  
12 ~~records at least two thousand out-of-state visitors per year; (e) One~~  
13 ~~representative from the Nebraska Association of Convention and Visitors~~  
14 ~~Bureaus; (f) One representative from the Western Nebraska Tourism~~  
15 ~~Coalition; (g) One representative who resides in eastern Nebraska and is~~  
16 ~~employed by a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-~~  
17 ~~of-state visitors; (h) One representative from the Central Nebraska~~  
18 ~~Tourism Partnership; and (i) One representative of a business that~~  
19 ~~derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors. (3)(a) The~~  
20 ~~Governor shall, within thirty days after August 24, 2017, appoint the~~  
21 ~~members of the commission to begin serving at such time, prior to~~  
22 ~~approval by the Legislature. The members of the commission shall consist~~  
23 ~~of the Director of Economic Development and twelve eleven residents of~~  
24 ~~the State of Nebraska appointed by the Governor, to include one member~~  
25 ~~representing a state chamber of commerce organized under the Nebraska~~  
26 ~~Nonprofit Corporation Act, and one member appointed from each of the~~  
27 ~~eleven districts described in subsection (2) of this section. The members~~  
28 ~~appointed by the Governor shall be subject to approval by the majority of~~  
29 ~~the members of the Legislature. The term of the member representing a~~  
30 ~~state chamber of commerce shall be four years, and the terms of the~~  
31 ~~district members shall be as provided in subdivision (2)(b) of this~~

1 section. No appointed member may serve more than two successive terms.  
2 Four of the district members shall have professional, volunteer, or  
3 public service experience that contributes to the fiduciary and  
4 governance duties of the commission. Seven of the district members shall  
5 be affiliated with the tourism industry. ~~One member shall be appointed~~  
6 ~~from each of the eleven districts designated in subdivision (b) of this~~  
7 ~~subsection.~~

8 (2)(a) ~~(b)~~ For purposes of this section, the state is hereby divided  
9 into eleven districts. The limits and designations of the eleven  
10 districts shall be as follows:

11 (i) District No. 1. Douglas County;

12 (ii) District No. 2. Lancaster County;

13 (iii) District No. 3. The counties of Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha,  
14 Johnson, Otoe, Gage, Saline, and Jefferson;

15 (iv) District No. 4. The counties of Cass and Sarpy;

16 (v) District No. 5. The counties of Saunders, Washington, Dodge,  
17 Colfax, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Thurston, Wayne, Cedar, Dixon, and Dakota;

18 (vi) District No. 6. The counties of Butler, Polk, Platte, Merrick,  
19 Nance, Boone, Madison, Pierce, Antelope, Knox, Holt, and Boyd;

20 (vii) District No. 7. The counties of Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster,  
21 Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Seward, York, Hamilton, Franklin, and Harlan;

22 (viii) District No. 8. The counties of Kearney, Phelps, Hall,  
23 Howard, Greeley, Wheeler, Buffalo, Sherman, Valley, and Garfield;

24 (ix) District No. 9. The counties of Lincoln, Keya Paha, Rock,  
25 Brown, Loup, Blaine, Custer, Logan, McPherson, Arthur, Grant, Hooker,  
26 Thomas, and Cherry;

27 (x) District No. 10. The counties of Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock,  
28 Dundy, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Dawson, Perkins, and Keith; and

29 (xi) District No. 11. The counties of Deuel, Garden, Sheridan,  
30 Cheyenne, Morrill, Box Butte, Dawes, Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Banner, and  
31 Kimball.

1           **(b)** ~~(c)~~ The Governor shall appoint members representing district  
2 numbers 1, 6, 8, and 11 to serve for terms ending April 1, 2019; members  
3 representing district numbers 2, 5, 7, and 10 to serve for terms ending  
4 April 1, 2021; and members representing district numbers 3, 4, and 9 to  
5 serve for terms ending April 1, 2023. The terms of their successors shall  
6 be four years. ~~The Governor shall appoint their successors with the~~  
7 ~~approval of the majority of the members of the Legislature. A person~~  
8 ~~appointed to serve pursuant to this subsection may serve only two~~  
9 ~~successive terms.~~

10           Sec. 2.   Original section 81-3710, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
11 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.