

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1129

Approved by the Governor April 8, 1972

Introduced by Fred W. Carstens, 30th District; Harold D. Simpson, 46th District

AN ACT to amend sections 50-401.01 and 50-402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the Legislature; to increase the size of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and change the method of selecting members; to provide additional duties; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 50-401.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

50-401.01. The Legislative Council shall have an executive board, to be known as the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, which shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, and ~~a member of the legislature selected at large, and six members of the legislature,~~ to be chosen by the Legislature at the commencement of each regular session of the Legislature when the speaker is chosen, and the Speaker of the Legislature, and the Chairman of the Committee on Committees of the legislature. Each district from which members of the Committee on Committees are chosen shall be represented on the Executive Board. The Legislature at large shall elect two of its members from legislative districts Nos. 1, 2, 15, 16, 23 to 30, 32 to 35, and 46; two from legislative districts Nos. 3 to 14, 20, 31, and 45; and two from legislative districts Nos. 17 to 19, 21, 22, 36 to 44, and 47 to 49. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget Appropriations shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the Executive Board whenever the board is considering fiscal administration. The Executive Board shall supervise all services and service personnel of the Legislature. The Legislative Council shall occupy and maintain offices in the State Capitol.

Sec. 2. That section 50-402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

50-402. It shall be the duty of the council (1) to collect information concerning the government and general welfare of the state; (2) to examine the effects of previously enacted statutes and recommend amendments

thereto; (3) to deal with important issues of public policy and questions of statewide interest; (4) to prepare a legislative program in the form of bills, or otherwise, as in its opinion the welfare of the state may require, to be presented at the next session of the Legislature; (5) to study federal aid to the state and its political subdivisions and advise the Legislature of money, land, or buildings available from the federal government, matching funds necessary, of grants and aids, and what new legislation will be needed; (6) to establish and maintain a complete and efficient bill drafting service for the purpose of aiding and assisting members of the Legislature and the executive departments of the state in the preparation of bills, resolutions and measures, and in drafting the same in proper form, and for this purpose there shall be assigned to the council for such work, rooms in the State Capitol conveniently situated in reference to the legislative chamber; (7) to furnish and supervise, through its Executive Board, all services and service personnel required by the Legislature; and (8) to provide, through the Revisor of Statutes, for the publication of supplements and replacement volumes of the statutes of Nebraska; and (9) to set up subcommittees within the Executive Board to carry out functions such as investigation of any area which it may decide is in the public interest with power to employ such additional personnel as may be needed to carry out the intent and activities of the Executive Board or the Legislature.

Sec. 3. That original sections 50-401.01 and 50-402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.