

LEGISLATIVE BILL 347

Approved by the Governor April 8, 1972

Introduced by Donald Elrod, 35th District

AN ACT for submission to the electors of an amendment to Article IV, section 20, of the Constitution of Nebraska, relating to the State Railway Commission; to change the name of the State Railway Commission to the Public Service Commission; to provide for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors at the general election in November, 1972; to provide for the manner of submission and form of ballot; and to provide the effective date thereof.

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

Section 1. That at the general election in November, 1972, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval the following amendment to Article IV, section 20, of the Constitution of Nebraska, which is hereby proposed by the Legislature:

"Sec. 20. There shall be a ~~State--Railway Commission~~ Public Service Commission, consisting of not less than three nor more than seven members, as the Legislature shall prescribe, whose term of office shall be six years, and whose compensation shall be fixed by the Legislature. ~~Beginning with the general election in 1964, commissioners~~ Commissioners shall be elected by districts of substantially equal population as the Legislature shall provide, ~~but this amendment shall not affect the term of any commissioner elected prior to its effective date.~~ The powers and duties of such commission shall include the regulation of rates, service and general control of common carriers as the Legislature may provide by law. But, in the absence of specific legislation, the commission shall exercise the powers and perform the duties enumerated in this provision."

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by Article XVI, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska. The proposition for the submission of the proposed amendment shall be placed upon the ballot in the following form:

"Constitutional amendment changing the name of the State Railway Commission to Public Service Commission.

For
Against"

Sec. 3. That the proposed amendment, if adopted, shall be in force and take effect immediately upon the completion of the canvass of the votes, at which time it shall be the duty of the Governor to proclaim it as a part of the Constitution of Nebraska.