

LEGISLATIVE BILL 186

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1981

Introduced by Beyer, 3

AN ACT to amend sections 23-1717 and 23-1719, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to county officers; to provide a description of uniforms to be worn by sheriffs and sheriff's deputies; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 23-1717, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

23-1717. County sheriffs and their deputies, when on duty, shall be dressed in a distinctive uniform, as described in section 23-1719, and display a badge of office as described in section 23-1719; Provided, the wearing of such uniform and badge shall be discretionary at the option of the sheriff when he or she or his or her deputies are engaged in special investigations or mental patient assignments; and provided further, that special deputies appointed by the sheriff shall be excluded from the requirements of this section.

Sec. 2. That section 23-1719, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

23-1719. (1) The uniform required by section 23-1717 shall be readily distinguishable from the uniform of other law enforcement agencies in the State of Nebraska ~~---The--Nebraska--Sheriffs--and--Peace--Officers Association--is--hereby--constituted--the--official--entity--to designate--the--color--and--design--of--such--uniforms,--and--such designation--may--be--made--by--the--officers---of---such association---The--provisions--of--section--23--1718--shall--not become--operative--until--such--designation--has--been--made--and complied--with: and shall consist of:~~

(a) Brown felt hat, center crease in sheriff or western style;

(b) Brown straw hat, center crease in sheriff or western style;

(c) Chocolate brown color shirt with either long or short sleeves depending on season;

(d) Pink tan color trousers in appropriate seasonal weights;

(e) Pink tan color skirts in appropriate seasonal weights;

(f) Pink tan color necktie;

(g) Shoes or boots in the same color as the leather worn;

(h) Chocolate brown color service jacket, zipper front with badge holder;

(i) Hip length year round outer jacket, dark brown in color;

(j) Badge bearing state or state seal, rank, and county;

(i) Gold in color for sheriff and deputies of the rank of sergeant or above;

(ii) Silver in color for deputies under the rank of sergeant; and

(iii) Consisting of seven-point star;

(k) Collar ornaments:

(i) Gold for sheriff and deputies of the rank of sergeant or above; and

(ii) Silver for deputies under the rank of sergeant;

(l) Shoulder emblem to be worn on upper sleeve and include sheriff's department and county name - design optional;

(m) Leather to be either brown or black at the individual department's choice; and

(n) Brown winter cap with flap.

(2) Uniforms shall be purchased directly from the supplier or suppliers with whom the Department of Administrative Services has contracted.

(3) A committee from the Nebraska Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association shall assist the Department of Administrative Services in developing specifications and selecting material for the uniforms.

Sec. 3. This act shall become operative on January 1, 1983.

Sec. 4. That original sections 23-1717 and 23-1719, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.