

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 563

Approved by the Governor April 16, 1986

Introduced by Hoagland, 6; Vickers, 38

AN ACT relating to historical properties; to state legislative findings; to provide requirements for improvements made on state-owned historical structures; to designate the George Norris House; and to provide powers and duties for the Nebraska State Historical Society.

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

Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

(1) The preservation of historic structures will enrich life for Nebraska's citizens both today and for future generations;

(2) Many historic structures are owned by the state; and

(3) Efforts should be made by the state to identify, preserve, maintain, and restore such historic structures whenever possible.

Sec. 2. For purposes of this act, historic structure shall mean any building significant in American history or architecture on a local, state, or national level.

Sec. 3. Improvements, alterations, or changes made by the state, its agencies, or departments on or to any historic structure owned by the State of Nebraska shall be in keeping with its historical or architectural significance. Such alterations shall be made according to standards set by the United States Department of the Interior. No alteration shall be made without review and comment by the state historical preservation officer. If the state, its agencies, or departments do not agree with the review and comment of the state historical preservation officer, a final determination as to what action must be followed by the state shall be made by the Governor. A state agency or department shall only be required to comply with this section if it has been notified in writing by the state historical preservation officer that a particular structure is a historic structure.

Sec. 4. The George Norris home, located at 706 Norris Avenue in McCook, owned by the Nebraska State Historical Society, and legally described as all of lot 4, and the north half of lot 5, block 10, McCook first

addition to the City of McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska, is hereby designated as the George Norris House.

Sec. 5. The Nebraska State Historical Society shall be responsible for the administration and continued maintenance of the George Norris House and may accept gifts, grants, and bequests for such purposes.