

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1410

Approved by the Governor April 13, 2000

Introduced by Wehrbein, 2; Connealy, 16; Hartnett, 45; Schimek, 27; Byars, 30;
Dw. Pedersen, 39; Vrtiska, 1; Engel, 17

AN ACT relating to Nebraska history; to amend section 90-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the Game and Parks Commission to accept a gift of real estate for Arbor Lodge State Historical Park; to establish the Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission; to create a fund; to provide a termination date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. (1) The Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission is established and has the following members:

(a) A chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and six other members appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall be an enrolled member of a Nebraska Indian tribe and one of whom shall be an African American. All appointed members shall serve three-year terms and may be reappointed. All appointed members shall have an interest in the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition;

(b) The Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society or his or her designee;

(c) The secretary of the Game and Parks Commission or his or her designee;

(d) The head of the Travel and Tourism Division of the Department of Economic Development or his or her designee;

(e) The President of the University of Nebraska or his or her designee; and

(f) The executive director of the Commission on Indian Affairs or his or her designee.

(2) The Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission shall coordinate and promote the observance of Nebraska's bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The commission shall seek designation as a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The commission may:

(a) Cooperate with national, regional, statewide, and local events promoting the bicentennial;

(b) Plan, assist, coordinate, or conduct bicentennial events;

(c) Engage in fundraising activities, including revenue-earning enterprises and the solicitation of grants, gifts, and donations;

(d) Promote public education concerning the Lewis and Clark expedition;

(e) Coordinate interagency participation in the observation and work with appropriate federal entities such as the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, and the United States Army;

(f) Appoint various local and regional advisory committees; and

(g) Perform any other related duties.

(3) The Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Fund is created. All money collected by the commission shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund. Money collected may include money from revenue-earning enterprises, grants, gifts, bequests, or donations, appropriations by the Legislature, and interest earned. Money in the fund shall be used only for the purposes described in this section. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

(4) Members of the Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

Sec. 2. The Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission terminates on December 31, 2007.

Sec. 3. Section 90-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

90-404. (1) The Game and Parks Commission may enter into an agreement to accept as a gift from the Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation all of the real estate described as Lot 1 in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8, township 8 north, range 14 east, Otoe County, Nebraska, except that part of Lot 1, commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 1, thence east 265 feet, thence south 462 feet, thence west 265 feet to a

point on the west line of Lot 1, thence north 462 feet to the place of beginning, also described as the east 678.14 feet of Lot 1, all located in Otoe County, Nebraska, containing 7.1 acres more or less and including all gas, oil, and mineral rights.

(2) The Game and Parks Commission may enter into an agreement to accept as a gift from the United States Government all of the real estate described as a tract of land situated in the southwest quarter of section 8, township 8 north, range 14 east of the 6th principal meridian, Otoe County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said southwest quarter of section 8; thence west 990.00 feet; thence south to a point that intersects the north right-of-way line of State Highway No. 2, said intersection being the point of beginning; thence easterly along said north right-of-way line of State Highway No. 2, for a distance of 200 feet; thence north 400 feet; thence west 200 feet; thence south to the point of beginning, all located in Otoe County, Nebraska, containing 1.84 acres, more or less, or 80,000 square feet.

(3) In consideration of such ~~conveyance~~ conveyances, the commission agrees that the land shall be designated and utilized as ~~an addition~~ additions to Arbor Lodge State Historical Park.

Sec. 4. Original section 90-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.