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LEGISLATIVE BILL 277

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 81-1255, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the advice
- 3 of a visitors committee to the governing body of a
- 4 county; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1255, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 81-1255 (1) The governing body of the county shall after
4 a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County Visitors
5 Promotion Fund and a visitors committee which shall serve as an
6 advisory committee to the ~~county board~~ governing body in
7 administering the proceeds from the taxes provided to the county by
8 the Nebraska Visitors Development Act. The governing body of a county
9 may also after a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a
10 County Visitors Improvement Fund. The proceeds of the County Visitors
11 Promotion Fund shall be used generally to promote, encourage, and
12 attract visitors to come to the county and use the travel and tourism
13 facilities within the county. The proceeds of the County Visitors
14 Improvement Fund shall be used to improve the visitor attractions and
15 facilities in the county, except that no proceeds shall be used to
16 improve a facility in which parimutuel wagering is conducted. If the
17 visitors committee determines that the visitor attractions in the
18 county are adequate and do not require improvement, the governing
19 body of the county, with the advice of the committee, may use the
20 County Visitors Improvement Fund to promote, encourage, and attract
21 visitors to the county to use the county's travel and tourism
22 facilities. The committee shall consist of five or seven members
23 appointed by the governing body of the county. If the committee has
24 five members, at least one but no more than two members of the
25 committee shall be in the hotel industry. If the committee has seven

1 members, at least two but no more than three members of the committee
2 shall be in the hotel industry.

3 (2) The members of the committee ~~Such appointees~~ shall
4 serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for necessary
5 expenses. Committee members shall serve for terms of four years,
6 except that at least half of those appointed shall be appointed for
7 initial terms of two years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
8 manner as the initial appointments. The committee shall elect a
9 chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members to serve for
10 terms of two years.

11 Sec. 2. Original section 81-1255, Reissue Revised
12 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.