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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to establish the Nebraska  
2 Sesquicentennial Commission; to provide for the  
3 membership of the commission; to provide powers and  
4 duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an  
5 emergency.

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

1           Section 1. The Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission is  
2 hereby established. The commission shall consist of seventeen members  
3 to be appointed by the Governor within sixty days after the operative  
4 date of this act. The commission shall include members from all  
5 regions of the state, representing all major interests and a diverse  
6 array of industries. No more than eight of the members shall be  
7 affiliated with the same political party. The members shall select a  
8 chairperson and a vice chairperson, and all members shall be  
9 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in  
10 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The Governor shall fill any vacancy  
11 occurring on the commission by appointment. For administrative and  
12 budgetary purposes only, the commission shall be housed within the  
13 Nebraska State Historical Society. The existence of the commission  
14 and terms of the members shall terminate on June 30, 2018.

15           Sec. 2. The Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission shall  
16 develop programs and plans for official observance of the one hundred  
17 fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017. The commission  
18 shall work closely with various state agencies, boards, commissions,  
19 and political subdivisions, including the State Department of  
20 Education, the Department of Roads, the Nebraska State Historical  
21 Society, the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Game and Parks  
22 Commission, and the Nebraska Tourism Commission, to execute  
23 commemorative events and to implement educational activities. The  
24 commission may also seek the guidance and support of any other groups  
25 or organizations the commission deems necessary or helpful in

1 fulfilling its purpose.

2 The commission may employ personnel, contract for  
3 services, and receive and expend gifts, grants, and donations to aid  
4 in the performance of its duties. The commission is empowered to  
5 expend any appropriations authorized by the Legislature to carry out  
6 the purposes of this act.

7 Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2014.

8 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
9 when passed and approved according to law.