

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 957**

Introduced by Christensen, 44.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to oil and gas leases; to amend section 57-218,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to make certain
- 3 exploration findings a public record; to harmonize
- 4 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 57-218, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   57-218 (1) The governing board of all lands of the State  
4 of Nebraska, except the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, and the  
5 governing board of all cities, towns, counties, public power  
6 districts, school districts and all other governmental subdivisions  
7 of the State of Nebraska are respectively authorized and empowered to  
8 lease lands under their control for oil and gas exploration and  
9 development.

10                   (2) When the governing board of a county leases any lands  
11 under its control for oil and gas exploration which encompasses roads  
12 and their rights-of-way, the findings obtained from such exploration  
13 shall be a matter of public record and be made available to any  
14 member of the public upon request no later than thirty days after the  
15 findings are obtained. Any information or findings made pursuant to  
16 this subsection shall not be withheld from the public.

17                   Sec. 2. Original section 57-218, Reissue Revised Statutes  
18 of Nebraska, is repealed.