

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1971

Introduced by Fern Hubbard Orme, 29th District; Donald Elrod, 35th District; Willard H. Waldo, 31st District

AN ACT to amend sections 68-1101, 68-1103, 68-1104, and 68-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the Advisory Committee on Aging; to change the name to the Nebraska Commission on Aging; to standardize provisions on payment of expenses; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 68-1101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

68-1101. There is hereby created ~~an--Advisory committee the Nebraska Commission~~ on Aging which shall consist of twelve members, two from each of five districts provided for by section 68-1102 and two from the state at large. In making the initial appointments one member from each district and one member at large shall be appointed for two years and one member from each district and one member at large shall be appointed for four years. As the terms of the members expire, the Governor shall on or before March 1 of each year, appoint or reappoint a member of the committee for a term of four years to succeed the member whose term expires. The members to be appointed must be residents of the district from which they are appointed. Any vacancy on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term. A vacancy shall exist when a member of the committee ceases to be a resident of the district from which he was appointed or reappointed.

Sec. 2. That section 68-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

68-1103. Members of the ~~Advisory--Committee Nebraska Commission~~ on Aging shall meet within thirty days after their appointment to select from the members of the committee a chairman, and such other officers as committee members deem necessary, who shall serve for a period of two years. The committee shall elect a new chairman every two years thereafter. The committee

shall meet at regular intervals at least once each year and may hold special meetings at the call of the chairman or at the request of a majority of the members of the committee. The committee shall meet at the seat of government or such other place as the members of the committee may designate.

Sec. 3. That section 68-1104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

68-1104. It shall be the duty of the committee commission to:

(1) Collect facts and statistics and make special studies of conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health, financial status, recreation, social adjustment or other conditions and problems pertaining to the general welfare of the aging of the state;

(2) Make recommendations to state and local agencies serving the aging for purposes of coordinating such agencies' activities, and request and receive reports from the various state agencies and institutions on matters within the jurisdiction of the committee commission;

(3) Keep informed of the latest developments of research, studies, and programs being conducted throughout the nation on the problems and needs of the aging;

(4) Serve as a central agency and advisory board for the mutual exchange of ideas and information on the aging between federal, state and local governmental agencies, private organizations, and individuals;

(5) Cooperate with agencies, federal, state and local, or private organizations, in administering and supervising demonstration programs of services for aging designed to foster continued participation of older people in family and community life and to prevent insofar as possible the onset of dependency and the need for long-term institutional care; and

(6) Report and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on the activities of the committee commission and improvements and additional resources needed to promote the general welfare of the aging in Nebraska.

The committee commission shall have the power to create subcommittees committees to undertake such special studies as members of the committee commission shall authorize and may include noncommission members who are qualified in any field of activity related to the general welfare of the aging in the membership of such subcommittees committees.

Sec. 4. That section 68-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

68-1105. The members of the Advisory--Committee Nebraska Commission on Aging, and noncommittee noncommission members serving on subcommittees committees, shall receive no compensation for their services other than reimbursement for traveling--and other actual and necessary expenses actually-incurred-in the-performance-of-their-official--duties on the same basis as full-time state employees. Committee expenses and any office expenses shall be paid from funds made available to the committee by the Legislature.

Sec. 5. That original sections 68-1101, 68-1103, 68-1104, and 68-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.