

LEGISLATIVE BILL 203

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1977

Introduced by Cullan, 49

AN ACT to amend sections 19-615 and 19-617, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to city manager plan; to harmonize provisions; to provide when the terms of mayor shall end; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That section 19-615, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

19-615. On the first Tuesday in ~~June~~ December following the ~~municipal~~ general election in every even-numbered year, the council shall meet in the usual place for holding meetings and the newly elected councilmen shall assume the duties of their office. Thereafter the council shall meet at such time and place as it may prescribe by ordinance, but not less frequently than twice each month in cities of the first class. The mayor, any two councilmen or the city manager may call special meetings of the council upon at least six hours' written notice. The meetings of the council and sessions of committees of the council shall be public. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, but a majority vote of all the members elected shall be required to pass any measure or elect to any office.

Sec. 2. That section 19-617, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

19-617. On the first Tuesday in ~~June~~ December following the ~~municipal~~ general election in every even-numbered year, the council shall elect one of its members as president, who shall be ex officio mayor, and another as vice president, who shall serve in the absence of the president. The president shall preside over the council, and have a voice and vote in its proceedings but no veto. He shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process, and by the Governor for military purposes. In addition, he shall exercise such other powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, as are conferred upon the mayor of the city.

Sec. 3. (1) The term of any president and vice president elected under section 2 of this act that would have expired in June, 1976 is hereby extended to the first Tuesday in June, 1977, at which time the council shall meet and elect one of its members as president and another as vice president.

(2) The term of any president and vice president elected under subsection (1) of this section shall end at the first regular board meeting in December, 1978.

Sec. 4. That original sections 19-615 and 19-617, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.

Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.