

LEGISLATIVE BILL 37

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1983

Introduced by Wagner, 41

AN ACT to amend section 2-1504, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, relating to the Natural Resources Commission; to change provisions relating to membership; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. That section 2-1504, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows:

2-1504. (1) There is hereby established, to serve as the official agency of the state in connection with soil and water conservation, flood prevention, watershed protection, and flood control and to perform the functions conferred upon it in sections 2-1502 to 2-1574 and as otherwise provided by law, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

(2) The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission shall consist of the following members, all of whom shall have attained the age of majority:

(a) One natural resources district director or former district director from resident of each of the following river basins, with delineations being those on the Nebraska river basin map officially adopted by the commission and on file in the commission office: (i) The Niobrara River, White River, and Hat Creek basin, (ii) the North Platte River basin, (iii) the South Platte River basin, (iv) the middle Platte River basin, (v) the lower Platte River basin, (vi) the Loup River basin, (vii) the Elkhorn River basin, (viii) the Missouri tributaries basin, (ix) the Republican River basin, (x) the Little Blue River basin, (xi) the Big Blue River basin, and (xii) the Nemaha River basin;

(b) One one additional member from resident of each river basin which encompasses one or more cities of the metropolitan class. Each , and each such additional basin member shall be a resident director or former director of a natural resources district which encompasses one or more cities of the metropolitan class, and shall be selected in the same manner, at the same time, and for a four-year term having the same term sequence as provided

for the other member from such basin; and

(c) ~~Three~~ ~~three~~ members to be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall represent municipal users of water, one shall represent surface water irrigators, and one shall represent ground water irrigators.

Successors to the members of the commission representing river basins shall be selected for four-year terms at individual caucuses of the natural resources district directors residing in the river basin from which the member is selected. Such caucuses shall be held by each basin on the second Thursday after the first Tuesday of the year the term of office of the commission member from that basin expires. Terms of office shall follow the sequence originally determined by the river basin representatives to the commission at their first meeting on the third Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, 1975. Appointive members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All river basin members shall take office on the third Thursday after the first Tuesday in January following their selection. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as successors are named or, in the case of any river basin representative, by a caucus held on the second Thursday after the first Tuesday of the month following the month in which such vacancy is created. Each member of the commission representing a river basin shall qualify by filing with the other members of the commission an acceptance in writing of his or her selection.

Sec. 2. That original section 2-1504, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, is repealed.