

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 783

Approved by the Governor April 10, 1984

Introduced by V. Johnson, 8

AN ACT relating to local health departments; to amend sections 71-1629, 71-1629.02, and 71-1632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change certain provisions relating to the establishment and management of local health departments; to authorize a tax levy; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of certain health directors; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 71-1629, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-1629. Any county board of such a county shall be authorized to (1) incur the expenses necessary for the establishment and maintenance of such county health department or of a city-county health department, (2) levy and collect an annual tax, ~~except in counties having a population of more than three hundred thousand inhabitants,~~ to meet and pay the same, and (3) appropriate and use any unused funds in the general fund belonging to the county for the purposes set forth in sections 71-1626 to 71-1636.

Sec. 2. That section 71-1629.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-1629.02. Municipalities, located within such counties which have established health departments or which may join in the establishment of a city-county health department, are authorized to (1) cooperate in the maintenance of such health departments as health departments for such municipalities, (2) incur the necessary expenses for their proportionate share in the establishment and maintenance of such health departments, and (3) levy and collect an annual tax to meet and pay the same. ~~7 except in cities having a population of three hundred thousand or more inhabitants.~~

Sec. 3. That section 71-1632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-1632. The health director of such county, district, or city-county health department shall have the power and duty to (1) be the executive officer of the local boards of health; (2) appoint, subject to any applicable county or city civil service laws, rules, or regulations, a properly functioning staff and other personnel as may be

necessary, whose qualifications shall conform to the ~~Joint Merit System~~ and United States Public Health Standards and whose remuneration shall conform to an established compensation schedule set by such local board of health and which is reviewed and approved annually by such board; (3) review annually, with the local board of health, the proposed budget of the department; (4) organize, with the approval of the local board of health, a citizens' advisory health council that will aid in developing a public health program to meet the particular needs, hazards, and problems of the health district; and (5) organize, with the approval of the local board of health, a medical and dental advisory committee.

Sec. 4. That original sections 71-1629, 71-1629.02, and 71-1632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.