

LEGISLATIVE BILL 939

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1988

Introduced by Withem, 14

AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission; to amend sections 79-2102 and 79-2106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change membership; to provide for staggered terms; to repeal provisions governing use of a documentary film; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections, and also section 79-2115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943.

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

Section 1. That section 79-2102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

79-2102. The (1) Until the terms of the members of the commission designated pursuant to subdivisions (c) to (i) of this subsection serving on the effective date of this act expire, the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission shall be composed of nine members, as follows: (1) (a) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee; (2) (b) the President of the University of Nebraska or his or her designee; (3) (c) a representative of the state colleges; (4) (d) a representative of private educational institutions of the State of Nebraska; (5) (e) a member residing in a Class II school district; (6) (f) a member residing in a Class III school district; (7) (g) a member residing in a Class IV school district; (8) (h) a member residing in a Class V school district; and (9) (i) a member residing in a Class I or Class VI school district.

(2) Upon the expiration of the terms of the members of the commission designated pursuant to subdivisions (1)(c) to (1)(i) of this section, the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission shall be composed of nine members, as follows: (a) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee; (b) the President of the University of Nebraska or his or her designee; (c) a representative of the state colleges; (d) a representative of private educational institutions of the State of Nebraska; and (e) five

members of the general public, at least one but not more than two of whom shall be from each congressional district. No more than four of the members shall be actively engaged in the teaching profession or administration of an educational institution.

(3) The members described in subdivisions (3) to (9) (2)(c) to (2)(e) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature for a term terms of four years, except that of the members first appointed after the effective date of this act, two members shall be appointed to two-year terms, two members shall be appointed to three-year terms, and three members shall be appointed to four-year terms. The Governor shall select at least two members from each congressional district. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The commission shall be nonpolitical in character and selection of the members of the commission shall be made on a nonpolitical basis. No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for his or her services. Reimbursement shall be provided for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in attending scheduled meetings of the commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees.

In the event the Commissioner of Education is unable to attend a commission meeting, the deputy commissioner of education is authorized to act on his or her behalf, and in the event the President of the University of Nebraska or his or her designee is unable to attend a commission meeting, the Executive Vice President and Provost for academic affairs is authorized to act on his or her behalf.

Sec. 2. That section 79-2106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

79-2106. Sections 79-2101 to ~~79-2115~~ 79-2114 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Act.

Sec. 3. That original sections 79-2102 and 79-2106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and also section 79-2115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.