

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499

Approved by the Governor April 28, 1999

Introduced by Hudkins, 21

AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend section 81-1255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership on the county visitors committee; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. Section 81-1255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1255. The governing body of the county shall after a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County Visitors Promotion Fund and a visitors committee which shall serve as an advisory committee to the county board in administering the proceeds from the taxes provided to the county by the Nebraska Visitors Development Act. The governing body of a county with a population of more than three hundred thousand inhabitants may also after a public hearing adopt a resolution establishing a County Visitors Improvement Fund. The proceeds of the County Visitors Promotion Fund shall be used generally to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to come to the county and use the travel and tourism facilities within the county. The proceeds of the County Visitors Improvement Fund shall be used to improve the visitor attractions and facilities in the county, except that no proceeds shall be used to improve a facility in which parimutuel wagering is conducted. If the visitors committee determines that the visitor attractions in the county are adequate and do not require improvement, the committee may use the County Visitors Improvement Fund to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the county to use the county's travel and tourism facilities. The committee shall consist of five to seven members appointed by the governing body of the county. Two members of the committee shall be in the hotel industry.

Such appointees shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for necessary expenses. Committee members shall serve for terms of four years, except that ~~two~~ at least half of those ~~initially~~ appointed shall be appointed for initial terms of two years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members to serve for terms of two years.

Sec. 2. Original section 81-1255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.