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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1129

Introduced by Kuehn, 38.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 49-1401,
- 2 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to prohibit state employees from
- 3 certain political activities; to provide a penalty; to harmonize
- 4 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is
2 amended to read:

3 49-1401 Sections 49-1401 to 49-14,142 and section 2 of this act
4 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Political Accountability
5 and Disclosure Act.

6 Sec. 2. (1) No state employee shall hold office in a political club
7 or party.

8 (2) No state employee shall, while on state time, in his or her
9 official capacity, or using government resources of any kind:

10 (a) Campaign for or against a candidate;

11 (b) Make a campaign speech;

12 (c) Collect campaign contributions;

13 (d) Sell tickets to a political fundraising function;

14 (e) Develop or distribute campaign materials or communications;

15 (f) Organize or manage a political rally or meeting;

16 (g) Circulate petitions for a candidate or a ballot initiative;

17 (h) Work to register voters for one party only;

18 (i) Use any digital medium to communicate about party politics, a
19 candidate for office, or a ballot initiative unless required in the
20 performance of his or her official duties; or

21 (j) Wear political buttons.

22 (3) If the commission receives a report of a violation of this
23 section, the commission shall forward the report to the Attorney General
24 for investigation.

25 (4) If the Attorney General receives a report of a violation of this
26 section, the Attorney General shall investigate and prosecute as the
27 situation warrants.

28 (5) A violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section is a Class
29 I misdemeanor. A public employee convicted of such a violation shall be
30 removed from such employment.

31 Sec. 3. Original section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Supplement,

1 2017, is repealed.