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LEGISLATIVE BILL 395

Introduced by Erdman, 47.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation
- 2 Commission; to amend section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the compensation of
- 4 members of the commission; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 57-904 There is hereby established the Nebraska Oil and Gas
4 Conservation Commission. The commission shall consist of three members to
5 be appointed by the Governor. The director of the state geological survey
6 shall serve the commission in the capacity as its technical advisor, but
7 with no power to vote. Any two commissioners shall constitute a quorum
8 for all purposes. At least one member of the commission shall have had
9 experience in the production of oil or gas and shall have resided in the
10 State of Nebraska for at least one year. Each of the other members of the
11 commission shall have resided in the State of Nebraska for at least three
12 years. Initially, two of said members shall be appointed for a term of
13 two years each; and one shall be appointed for a term of four years. At
14 the expiration of the initial terms all members thereafter appointed
15 shall serve for a term of four years. The Governor may at any time remove
16 any appointed member of the commission for cause, and by appointment,
17 with the approval of the Legislature, shall fill any vacancy on the
18 commission.

19 The members of the commission shall receive as compensation for
20 their services the sum of five not more than four hundred dollars per day
21 for each day actually devoted to the business of the commission, ~~except~~
22 ~~that they shall not receive a sum in any one year in excess of four~~
23 ~~thousand dollars each.~~ Such amount shall be adjusted on July 1, 2025, and
24 on July 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter by the percentage change
25 in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
26 for the two-year period preceding the date of adjustment. In addition,
27 each member of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred
28 in connection with the carrying out of his or her duties as provided in
29 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

30 Sec. 2. Original section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of
31 Nebraska, is repealed.