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LEGISLATIVE BILL 668

Introduced by Hughes, 44. Read first time January 20, 2021 Committee:

- A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend
 section 37-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for
 the relocation of commission headquarters as prescribed; and to
 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 37-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 37-104 (1) Regular meetings of the Game and Parks Commission shall 4 be held quarterly. Special meetings may be held upon call of the 5 chairperson or pursuant to a call signed by three other members, of which the chairperson shall have three days' written notice. No official action 6 7 shall be taken except at a public meeting at the headquarters of the commission or at a public meeting at a location within the state as 8 9 determined by a majority of members of the commission. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. 10

11 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all All regular meetings held in Lincoln, Nebraska, shall be held in suitable 12 13 offices to be provided under the authority of Chapter 72, article 14. The 14 Game and Parks Commission is authorized to enter into an agreement with the city of Lincoln providing for the supplying by the city of Lincoln to 15 the State of Nebraska for the commission of a headquarters office 16 building and related buildings and facilities therefor, including the 17 parking of motor vehicles, to be located on real estate which is north of 18 19 Holdrege Street and east of 33rd Street.

(3) The Legislature finds that it is important that state agencies 20 responsible for the protection and regulation of parks, wildlife, and 21 game reserves conduct their official duties in or near proximity to the 22 23 parks, wildlife, and game reserves such agencies protect and regulate. No later than June 30, 2023, the headquarters for the Game and Parks 24 25 Commission shall be located in a county with a population of ten thousand or fewer inhabitants. The new headquarters shall be located two hundred 26 miles or more from any city of the metropolitan class or city of the 27 28 primary class. All regular meetings held shall be held in suitable offices to be provided under the authority of Chapter 72, article 14. The 29 commission is authorized to enter into an agreement with any city or 30 village in a county described in this subsection providing for the 31

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1 supplying by such city or village to the State of Nebraska for the commission of a headquarters office building and related buildings and 2 3 facilities including parking for motor vehicles. Prior to selecting a new headquarters location and entering into an agreement as authorized in 4 this subsection, the commission shall consider the value of the economic 5 development incentives provided by a qualifying city or village. 6 7 Original section 37-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Sec. 2. Nebraska, is repealed.