LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 792

Introduced by Kuehn, 38.

Read first time January 07, 2016

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to lobbying; to amend section 49-1492, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit certain former
- 3 officeholders and public employees from being lobbyists as
- 4 prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an
- 5 emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 49-1492, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 49-1492 (1) No person shall be employed as a lobbyist for
- 4 compensation contingent in any manner upon the outcome of an
- 5 administrative or legislative action.
- 6 (2) No person shall instigate the introduction of legislation for
- 7 the purpose of obtaining employment in opposition thereto.
- 8 (3) No person shall attempt to influence the vote of the legislators
- 9 on any matters pending or to be proposed by the promise of financial
- 10 support or the financing of opposition to his or her candidacy at any
- 11 future election.
- 12 (4) No person shall engage in practices which reflect discredit on
- 13 the practice of lobbying or on the Legislature.
- 14 (5)(a) No person who holds the office of Governor, Lieutenant
- 15 Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor
- 16 of Public Accounts, member of the Legislature, member of the Public
- 17 Service Commission, member of the State Board of Education, or member of
- 18 the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall be a lobbyist
- 19 <u>until at least two years have elapsed after the date such person ceases</u>
- 20 to hold such office.
- 21 (b) No public employee, other than an individual employed in a
- 22 clerical or nonpolicymaking capacity, who is employed by the Governor,
- 23 <u>Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of</u>
- 24 State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Legislative Council, Public Service
- 25 Commission, State Board of Education, or Board of Regents of the
- 26 <u>University of Nebraska shall be a lobbyist until at least one year has</u>
- 27 <u>elapsed after the date such public employee ceases to hold such</u>
- 28 employment.
- 29 $(\underline{6} \ 5)$ Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
- 30 guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.
- 31 Sec. 2. Original section 49-1492, Reissue Revised Statutes of

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- 1 Nebraska, is repealed.
- 2 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 3 passed and approved according to law.