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LEGISLATIVE BILL 838

Approved by the Governor March 28, 1988

Introduced by Schellpeper, 18; Moore, 24; R. Johnson,
34; Warner, 25; Coordsen, 32; Abboud, 12

AN ACT relating to museums; to provide for the appointment of the Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission; to provide for the creation of a museum; to provide powers and duties; to create a fund; and to require a report.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created an Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission which shall consist of seven members, six to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) One member shall be an agricultural engineer from an educational institution in this state;

(2) One member shall be actively involved in economic development or tourism;

(3) One member shall be knowledgeable in Nebraska history and historic preservation;

(4) One member shall be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years, be actively involved in agriculture, and have an interest in the future of agriculture; and

(5) Two members shall be persons who have an interest in preserving antique farm machinery and equipment. The appointments shall be made to provide to the extent possible equal representation to the eastern, central, and western portions of the state.

The Manager of the State Board of Agriculture shall serve as the seventh member of the commission.

In making the initial appointments to the commission, the Governor shall appoint two members for terms of three years, two members for terms of four years, and two members for terms of five years. As each term expires, the Governor shall appoint or reappoint a member of the commission for a term of five years to succeed the member whose term has expired. The Governor shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term from the same category from which the vacancy occurred.

All members shall serve without compensation for any services rendered to the commission but shall be

reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of duties of the commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees.

Sec. 2. The purpose of the Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission is to encourage the creation of a museum and such sites and facilities as are needed (1) to preserve and exhibit antique farm machinery and equipment of the types that have been used by Nebraskans through the years and which made Nebraska an efficient producer of farm products and (2) to promote tourism. The commission shall work with the Department of Economic Development, the various chambers of commerce, and other interested parties in order to increase awareness of the history of agriculture in this state and the importance of changes in farm equipment and machinery in making the fertile prairie productive.

Sec. 3. The members of the Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission shall, immediately after their appointment, meet and organize. The Manager of the State Board of Agriculture shall serve as the chairperson of the commission. The commission shall elect one of its members secretary, one as treasurer, and any other officers as may be necessary. The treasurer shall give bond in such amount as the commission may fix.

Sec. 4. The antique farm machinery and equipment museum shall initially be located at the state fairgrounds in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission may recommend a site to the executive board of the State Board of Agriculture, but the final determination of the location of such site within the state fairgrounds shall be by a majority vote of the executive board of the State Board of Agriculture. The commission may establish additional sites throughout the state for temporary or permanent exhibition of antique farm machinery and equipment based upon available funds, the expression of interest and support in the area, and such other factors which indicate the feasibility of an additional site for such exhibition.

Sec. 5. The Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission shall have the power to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for its own guidance and for the running of the museum pursuant to the purposes of this act. The commission shall be responsible for the establishment, administration, and maintenance of the museum and may accept gifts, grants, and bequests for such purposes. The commission shall have the power to establish a policy to determine the

nature of the collection and may establish criteria for acceptance of donations for exhibit and for disposal of items which do not serve its needs. It shall have the power to employ any and all personnel necessary for the operation of the museum.

Sec. 6. The antique farm machinery and equipment museum shall be established, operated, and maintained from the Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Fund which is hereby created. Such fund shall consist of such sums as are contributed as gifts, grants, or bequests. Any money in such fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to sections 72-1237 to 72-1269.

Sec. 7. The Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission shall, on or before July 1 of each year, make a report to the Governor showing all money received and expended and its activities in the operation and supervision of the museum. The commission shall file a copy of such report with the Clerk of the Legislature.