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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Avery, 28.

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Committee: Agriculture

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Development Commission; to amend  
2 section 81-3602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to  
3 change provisions relating to membership and voting as  
4 prescribed; and to repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 81-3602, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           81-3602 (1)(a) The Rural Development Commission shall  
4 consist of members who represent a wide range of rural Nebraska  
5 interests.

6           (b) The Governor shall appoint ~~four~~ five members to the  
7 commission. The Governor shall appoint a representative of his  
8 or her office and ~~one representative from each of the Department~~  
9 the Director of Economic Development or his or her designee, the  
10 ~~Department Director of Agriculture or his or her designee~~, and  
11 the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services or his or her designee, and the Director of the Nebraska  
13 State Historical Society or his or her designee.

14           (c) The Speaker of the Legislature shall appoint one  
15 member of the Legislature to the commission. Such member shall be a  
16 nonvoting member of the commission.

17           (d) Other members shall be appointed by the Governor  
18 to represent federal agencies, local governments, tribal  
19 governments, nonprofit organizations, regional economic development  
20 organizations, the private sector, postsecondary education, and  
21 youth.

22           (e) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the  
23 commission shall be elected by a majority of the members of  
24 the commission at the first commission meeting in odd-numbered  
25 years and shall each serve a two-year term as chairperson and

1 vice-chairperson, respectively.

2 (2) The commission shall meet at the call of the  
3 chairperson or a majority of the members. The chairperson shall  
4 call such meetings as he or she determines necessary to fulfill  
5 the duties of the commission. A quorum shall be one-half of the  
6 members.

7 (3) The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for  
8 their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174  
9 to 81-1177 and pursuant to policies of the commission.

10 Sec. 2. Original section 81-3602, Reissue Revised  
11 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.