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LEGISLATIVE BILL 717

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Committee: Executive Board

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 49-1499,
2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to require
3 statements of potential conflicts of interest to be
4 placed in the Legislative Journal; and to repeal the
5 original section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 49-1499, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

3 49-1499 (1) A member of the Legislature who would be
4 required to take any action or make any decision in the discharge
5 of his or her official duties that may cause financial benefit
6 or detriment to him or her, a member of his or her immediate
7 family, or a business with which he or she is associated, which
8 is distinguishable from the effects of such action on the public
9 generally or a broad segment of the public, shall take the
10 following actions as soon as he or she is aware of such potential
11 conflict or should reasonably be aware of such potential conflict,
12 whichever is sooner:

13 (a) Prepare a written statement describing the matter
14 requiring action or decision and the nature of the potential
15 conflict, and if he or she will not abstain from voting,
16 deliberating, or taking other action on the matter, the statement
17 shall state why, despite the potential conflict, he or she intends
18 to vote or otherwise participate; and

19 (b) Deliver a copy of the statement to the commission and
20 to the Speaker of the Legislature who shall cause the statement
21 to be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature to be held as a
22 matter of public record. The clerk shall insert the statement in
23 the Legislative Journal as soon as practicable after it is filed in
24 his or her office.

25 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any member of

1 the Legislature from voting, deliberating, or taking other action
2 on any matter that comes before the Legislature.

3 (3) The member of the Legislature may abstain from
4 voting, deliberating, or taking other action on the matter on which
5 the potential conflict exists. He or she may have the reasons for
6 the abstention recorded in the Legislative Journal.

7 Sec. 2. Original section 49-1499, Revised Statutes
8 Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is repealed.