

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 826

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to government; to adopt the County
- 2 Consolidation Act.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 3 of this act shall be known and
2 may be cited as the County Consolidation Act.

3 Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that:

4 (1) The services offered by county governments in
5 Nebraska be consolidated;

6 (2) The functions of county governments in Nebraska be
7 consolidated;

8 (3) The purpose of consolidating county government
9 services and functions is to realize economic efficiencies for
10 taxpayers;

11 (4) The number of county employees and elected officials
12 be reduced to achieve economic efficiencies without losing
13 effective local control;

14 (5) County courthouses, offices, buildings, and
15 facilities of the current counties as they exist prior to a
16 consolidation may remain open with reduced hours and staffing as
17 remote sites for county services and functions, as needed; and

18 (6) Counties continue to develop ways and methods to
19 provide the majority of their services and functions online,
20 reducing the necessity for personal visits to county offices.

21 Sec. 3. The Legislature's Planning Committee shall
22 develop a plan that will reduce the number of counties in Nebraska
23 to approximately thirty by 2018. The committee shall work with
24 the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the
25 Legislature to develop legislation for introduction to accomplish

1 the intent of the County Consolidation Act. The Legislature's
2 Planning Committee shall work with county officials and other
3 interested residents from across the state to achieve a fair plan.