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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend section
2 13-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-1907,
3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to change the
4 boundaries of the Nebraska planning and development regions; to
5 provide a process for a county to switch to an adjacent planning and
6 development region; to provide a duty for the Department of Economic
7 Development; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
8 sections.
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 13-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 13-1901 Subject to a change under section 2 of this act, there
4 ~~There~~ are hereby created nine Nebraska planning and development regions
5 as follows:

6 (1) Region 1 includes the counties of Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box
7 Butte, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, and
8 Deuel;

9 (2) Region 2 includes the counties of Cherry, Keya Paha, Boyd,
10 Brown, Rock, Holt, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley,
11 Greeley, and Sherman;

12 (3) Region 3 includes the counties of Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur,
13 McPherson, Logan, Keith, Lincoln, Perkins, Dawson, Chase, Hayes,
14 Frontier, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, and Furnas;

15 (4) Region 4 includes the counties of Howard, Merrick, Buffalo,
16 Hall, Hamilton, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Harlan, Franklin, Webster,
17 and Nuckolls;

18 (5) Region 5 includes the counties of Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Antelope,
19 Pierce, Wayne, Thurston, Boone, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Platte,
20 Colfax, Dodge, and Nance;

21 (6) Region 6 includes the counties of Polk, Butler, Saunders, York,
22 Seward, ~~Cass~~, Fillmore, Saline, Otoe, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson,
23 Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson;

24 (7) Region 7 includes the county of Lancaster;

25 (8) Region 8 includes the counties of Washington, Douglas, ~~and~~
26 ~~Sarpy, and Cass~~; and

27 (9) Region 9 includes the county of Dakota.

28 Sec. 2. (1) If a county determines that its primary planning and
29 development interests have changed, such county may leave the Nebraska
30 planning and development region in which it is located and enter an
31 adjacent planning and development region with the agreement of all

1 development districts of such planning and development regions by
2 following the procedure set forth in this section.

3 (2) In order to effectuate a change under subsection (1) of this
4 section, the development districts from the Nebraska planning and
5 development region which the county desires to leave and from the region
6 which the county desires to join shall enter into a voluntary written
7 agreement by which all relevant outstanding financial or legal
8 obligations will be resolved as necessary to execute the change to the
9 regional boundaries set forth in section 13-1901.

10 (3) The Department of Economic Development shall review such
11 agreement prior to the districts executing the agreement and may provide
12 recommendations to the districts.

13 (4) The effective date of the boundary change shall match the
14 effective date of the agreement between the development districts.

15 Sec. 3. Section 13-1907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2018, is amended to read:

17 13-1907 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall adopt and
18 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out sections 13-1901 to 13-1907
19 and section 2 of this act which shall include standardized reporting and
20 application procedures. Each development district shall submit annual
21 performance and financial reports to the department which shall address
22 the activities performed and services delivered.

23 (2) The Governor shall, from time to time, evaluate the
24 effectiveness and activities of the development districts receiving
25 assistance. If the Governor finds a development district to be
26 ineffective, he or she may take action, including the withholding of
27 assistance authorized under section 13-1906.

28 Sec. 4. Original section 13-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of
29 Nebraska, and section 13-1907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
30 2018, are repealed.