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LEGISLATIVE BILL 75

FINAL READING

Introduced by Gragert, 40; Murman, 38; Wayne, 13.

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Committee: General Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to amend section 23-299,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating
- 3 to the discontinuance of township organization in any county with a
- 4 township library; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 23-299, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 23-299 (1) ~~If when~~ township organization is discontinued in any
4 county, the town clerk in each town in such county, as soon as the county
5 board ~~of commissioners~~ is qualified pursuant to section 23-297, shall
6 deposit with the county clerk of the county all town records, papers, and
7 documents pertaining to the affairs of such town and certify to the
8 county clerk the amount of indebtedness of such town outstanding at the
9 time of such discontinuance. The county board shall have full and
10 complete power to settle all the unfinished business of the town as fully
11 as might have been done by the town itself and to dispose of any and all
12 property belonging to such town, the proceeds of which, after paying all
13 indebtedness, shall be disposed of by the county board for the benefit of
14 the taxable inhabitants thereof by such board crediting all unexpended
15 balances of the town to the district road fund and in no other manner.
16 The county board, at such time as provided by law, shall levy a tax upon
17 the taxable property of such town to pay any unliquidated indebtedness it
18 may have outstanding.

19 (2) If township organization is discontinued in any county with a
20 township library, the county board shall hold a public hearing to
21 determine if the township library shall (a) be disposed of, (b) merge
22 with a city, village, or county library, or (c) continue operation. Such
23 public hearing shall occur within one year after voters have approved the
24 discontinuance of township organization. Notice of such hearing shall be
25 published for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation
26 in the county. At the same time notice is first published, the county
27 board shall provide notice of such hearing to the Nebraska Library
28 Commission and the regional library system for the region in which the
29 township library is located. No later than sixty days following such
30 hearing, the county board shall adopt a resolution stating the
31 disposition of the library and the effective date of such disposition

1 prior to the discontinuance of township operation.

2 Sec. 2. Original section 23-299, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is repealed.