

LEGISLATIVE BILL 702

Approved by the Governor February 24, 2016

Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Crawford, 45, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Ebke, 32; Hansen, 26; Howard, 9; Hughes, 44; McCollister, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the second class; to amend sections 17-102 and 17-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to harmonize provisions relating to the election of city council members; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 17-102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17-102 Unless the city elects council members at large as provided in section 32-554, each ~~Each~~ city of the second class shall be divided into not less than two nor more than six wards, as ~~may be~~ provided by ordinance of the city council. ~~Each thereof; and each~~ ward shall contain, as nearly as practicable, an equal portion of the population.

Sec. 2. Section 17-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17-104 Unless the city elects council members at large as provided in section 32-554, each ~~Each~~ ward of each city shall have at least two council members elected in the manner provided in the Election Act. The term of office shall begin on the first regular meeting of the council in December following the statewide general election. No person shall be eligible to the office of council member who is not at the time of the election an actual resident of the ward for which he or she is elected and a registered voter.

Sec. 3. Original sections 17-102 and 17-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.