

LEGISLATIVE BILL 83

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1983

Introduced by Kilgarin, 7; Nichol, 48

AN ACT to amend sections 81-8,265 and 81-8,271, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to independent boards and commissions; to provide additional functions and powers of the Commission on Mexican-Americans; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 81-8,265, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-8,265. The functions of the commission shall be to:

(1) Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Mexican-Americans;

(2) ~~Coordinate, assist, and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve~~ Serve the needs of the Mexican-Americans, especially in the fields of education, employment, health, housing, welfare, and recreation by offering such services as it may establish for the translation of documents and for the direct assistance of clients, exclusive of legal representation, in matters relating to any federal department or agency or any department or agency of the state or a political subdivision thereof; especially in the fields of education; employment; health; housing; welfare; and recreation;

(3) Develop, coordinate, and assist ~~other~~ public and private organizations which serve Mexican-Americans and coordinate and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Mexican-Americans;

(4) Propose new programs concerning Mexican-Americans;

(5) Evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation concerning Mexican-Americans;

(6) Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Mexican-Americans by conducting a program of public education and encourage the Governor and the Legislature to develop programs to deal with these problems; and

(7) Conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff.

Sec. 2. That section 81-8,271, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-8,271. The commission shall have all powers necessary to carry out the functions and duties specified in sections 81-8,262 to 81-8,271, including power to establish advisory committees on special subjects, to ~~solicit~~ receive or apply for and receive accept gifts, and grants, contributions, and other funds from the federal government, private agencies, affiliated associations, and individuals, and to contract with public and private groups to conduct its business.

Sec. 3. That original sections 81-8,265 and 81-8,271, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.