

### 1917 SESSION LAWS

NEW MEASURES ADOPTED BY  
STATE LEGISLATURE AND  
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

### THE RECORD AS ENDORSED

Complete Epitome of the Bills Enacted into Laws at the Thirty-Fifth Session of Nebraska Legislature

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Following is a complete resume of all appropriations and other bills and laws enacted by the Thirty-fifth session of the Nebraska legislature which adjourned April 24th, after the longest sitting, but one, in the history of that body.

#### SENATE FILES

204. Bushne, Douglas—Provides that cities advertise for bids on coal, hay or other supplies at any time. Present law in December.

205. Educational Committee—Extend aggregate school tax exclusive of bond and special warrant taxes from 35 to 50 mills.

206. Doty, Seward—Provides that warrants drawn on the state treasury need not be drawn for at least ten days from date claim is presented to auditor.

207. Wilson, Dodge—Requires that before paving bonds shall be issued where such bonds exceed \$15,000 same must be submitted to electors at a special or general election.

208. Spirk, Saline—By request—Provides that school districts containing within its boundaries of village having a population of more than 500 inhabitants shall elect the district school board upon a separate ballot.

209. McMullen, Gage—Provides for the approval by clerk of district court of license to guardian to sell real estate before sale of property.

210. McMullen—Amend section 8299, Revised Statutes of 1913.

211. Bushne, Kimball—Provides that drainage and irrigation districts may purchase real estate at tax sale.

212. Sandall, York—Makes Torrens system of land registration compulsory.

213. McMullen, Gage—Provides optional plan for city management in cities of 1,000 or more.

214. Oberlies, Lancaster—Authorizes board of control to contract with county for use of convict labor on roads, or to manufacture articles not in competition with other institutions.

215. Gates, Sarpy—County surveyor must not be interested in county contracts.

216. Chappell, Minden—Relating to the duties of state entomologist.

217. Moriarty, Douglas—Relating to certificates of marriage.

218. Doty and Moriarty—A bill to amend section 147 Revised Statutes of Nebraska of 1913.

219. Oberlies, Lancaster—Relating to irrigation districts.

220. Wilson (Dodge), Adams, Chappell—Prohibiting unlawful use of telephone.

**HOUSE ROLLS**

221. Norton, Polk—Provides for call of constitutional convention.

222. Hoffmeister, Chase—Requires railroad companies to construct and equip all unused right-of-way. Exempts interurbans.

223. Naylor, Dawes—County bond issues for grading and improving public roads.

224. Bates, Fleetwood and Radke—Changes basis of school fund apportionment.

225. Thomas and Waite—Authorizes the state educational fund and fund board to exchange school lands for forest land.

226. Thomas and Waite—Provides for establishment of forest areas by counties, cities and villages.

227. Dufoe, Johnson—Widens powers of contract of married woman.

228. Jacobson, Dawson—Exempts licensed embalmers from jury service.

229. Ollis, Valley—Non-partisan election of state and county school superintendents.

230. Moseley, Lancaster—Right of way powers granted to light companies for towers as well as poles.

231. Ollis, Valley—Provides for investment of permanent school funds in federal land bank bonds.

232. Ollis, Valley—Provides for disposition of feeble-minded children in cases of death, resignation or removal from office.

233. Retzlack, Richardson—Appropriates \$28,700 for state printer, emergency.

234. Liggett and Norton—Provides for distribution of freight cars on basis of amount of grain shipped from each station.

235. Bates and Relner—Prescribes method for taxation for maintenance of county high school districts.

236. Hoffmeister, Chase—Requires election board to prepare and return to county clerk results of all general and primary elections.

237. Trumble, Sherman—Regulates weas and undertakers.

238. Fries and Howard—Places expense of conveying boys to state industrial school on the county rather than the state.

239. Ainlay, Nance—Slight amendment of law relating to high school law for non-residents.

240. Douglas, County Delegation—Similar to senate file No. 20.

241. Greenwall, Custer—Allows operation of mixed trains on newly constructed lines.

242. Mills, Lancaster—Provides county relief for worthy blind.

243. Schwab, Red Willow—Provides for licensing and regulation of billiard and pool halls and bowling alleys.

244. Saxe, Sarpy—Appropriates \$100,000 for new building at state fair grounds.

245. Lunsburg, Lancaster—Governing several of cases in supreme court.

246. Retzlack, Richardson—Appropriates \$125,000 for state printer, emergency.

247. Fries, Howard—Prohibits trapping, catching or killing for bearing animals between February 15 and November 15th.

248. Hoffmeister, Chase—Defines pounds per bushel of different farm products.

249. Hoffmeister, Chase—Prohibits practice of medicine by itinerant physicians, etc.

250. Hoffmeister, Chase—Provides county high school bonds may be issued without vote of people upon filing of petition by sixty-five per cent of voters.

251. Lamar, Saunders—Provides for birth and death registration with county clerk.

252. Bites and others—Double election board.

253. Taylor and others—Rotation of names on ballot in counties of 20,000 or more.

254. Lancaster Delegation—Adds one district judge to Lancaster County, Emergency.

255. Keegan, Douglas—Raises salaries of Douglas county deputy sheriffs to \$1,200 a year.

256. Olson, Hiran—Relates to damming of draws and dry water courses.

257. Stream, York—Makes five supervisory districts in counties where change from township system.

258. Fries of Howard—Provides that survey of sections in state shall be in accordance with the United States law.

259. Good, Nemaha—Provides for annexation of tracts of land belonging to state to adjacent villages of state.

260. Lampert, Saunders—Provides for condemnation of land adjoining cemeteries of more than twenty years established with more than a hundred bodies buried therein.

261. Cronin, Holt—Makes the usual state aid bridge levy.

262. Lovell and Keegan, Douglas—Provides change of venue from justice of peace to municipal court in Omaha.

263. Lovell and Keegan, Douglas—Prohibits municipal judges from practicing law.

264. Keegan and Lovell, Douglas—Provides that municipal judges shall act as police judge whenever vacancy occurs.

265. Keegan and Lovell, Douglas—Reduces municipal court fees, and exempts indigent persons from costs in civil suits.

266. Keegan and Lovell, Douglas—Limits jurisdiction of justices of the peace in attaching goods to his district.

267. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Provides for confirmation of acts of irrigation district by electors in district courts before such acts go into effect.

268. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Authorizes cooperation of state irrigation districts with the United States reclamation service.

269. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Authorizes irrigation district to comply with federal reclamation act.

270. Dabney, Richmond and Dau—White, Brown—Defines corporate limits of cities of second class and villages.

271. Regan, Platte—Changes time for making of railway commissions' annual report.

272. Dalbey, Gage—Number plates for all cars used by dealer required under this act.

273. Jacobson and Johnson—Appropriates \$20,000 for payment of soldiers' fare to Vicksburg reunion.

274. Fries, Howard—Regular appropriation of .35 mill levy for support of state normal schools.

275. Good and others—Appropriates cash funds and miscellaneous receipts of state normal schools to their use.

276. Good and others—Appropriates income from normal school endowment fund.

277. Good and others—Appropriates state normal library funds to their use.

278. Hopkins, Douglas—Raises pay of county coroners and clerks from a thousand dollars to fifteen hundred dollars.

279. Anderson, Phelps—Empowers second class cities to purchase or accept by gift auditorium for public use, or to buy ground and erect them.

280. Stuhr, Lincoln—Reduces maximum steering a public offense punishable by one hundred dollars to five hundred dollars fine.

281. Fuller, Seward—Prohibits use of paved public highways by tractor engines or heavy vehicles.

282. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Fixes length of county auditor's term in the state.

283. Hopkins, Douglas—Authorizes and regulates exchange of reciprocal or interinsurance contracts and empowers contracts generally to make such contracts.

284. Fries et al—Provides for elimination of electors' ballot and their appointment by governor.

285. Fries, Howard—Candidates running on two tickets can not accept minority nomination if he loses majority party nomination.

286. Fries and Howard—Relatives of insane need not pay for their care at state hospitals when would be a 'grave hardship' to do so.

287. Dufoe, Johnson—Four years term for practicing attorney who neglects to file on establishment of county attorney's office.

288. Liggett, Seward—Disallows priority claims in cases of failed banks where funds have been obtained to help such bank through its period of distress.

289. Schneider, Douglas—Gives county attorney of county of justice power to aid two other county officers in filling county board vacancies.

290. Lancaster County Delegation—Amends law providing district law in Lancaster county.

291. Stuhr, Hall—University I mill levy.

292. Fuller, Seward—Regular three-quarter mill levy University building bill.

293. Retzlack, Richardson—Appropriates \$44,720 state institutional deficiency.

294. Dorse, Franklin—Comprehensive road bill providing for designation of county roads and their maintenance.

295. Fuller, Seward—Repeals law for providing for retaining of attorneys for surety companies.

296. Norton, Polk—Limited suffrage for females.

297. Fries, Howard—Appropriates \$15,770 for past salary of supreme court commissioner department.

298. Finance Committee—Appropriates \$8,000 for expense of National Guard incidental to muster out of Fourth and Fifth regiments.

299. Aulen, Boone—Provides for keeping of extensive record on transfer of motor cars by county treasurer.

300. Gage, Gage—Provides for appointment instead of election of road overseers.

301. Ollis, Valley—Provides for sale of State district station at auction.

302. Tracwell, Cherry—Provides means for selling city owned realty in cities of a thousand to five thousand population.

303. Stuhr and Scudder—Mayor and city council of cities of second class may not more than \$200,000, for other classes of improvements.

304. Thomas and Naylor—Makes pipeline common carriers liable for their regulation by the state railway commission.

305. Provides for bond issue for public improvements by municipalities (two-thirds vote in cities and villages).

306. Murty, Cass—In banks of less than \$100,000 capitalization, bank officers can administer oath on quarterly report.

307. Anderson, Boyd—\$5,000 relief for widow of Frank Honke, injured in building fire at Norfolk railway.

308. Trumble, Sherman—Adds to team and vehicle insurance provisions accident or injury, fatal or non-fatal to persons.

309. Stuhr, Lincoln—Provides for establishment of school of irrigation at Scottsbluff's experiment farm.

310. Hennings, Douglas—Prohibits county judges from discriminating between attorneys for practice in their courts.

311. Gornley and Parkinson—County fair organizations must first pay premiums before paying other expenses from the donation from county.

312. Bluebird, Lincoln—Increases salary of deputy clerk of the district court in counties from 30,000 to 40,000 per annum.

313. Dalbey, Gage—Provides for payment of cattle killed by state order, which are afflicted with foot and mouth disease.

314. Radke, Cedar—Where practical and public good public roads may be established through private grounds without the consent of the owner.

315. Liggett, Seward—Dimming law for automobile lights.

316. Swanson and Peterson—Provides that residential buildings together with surplus and other funds of every domestic insurance company may be invested in drainage or irrigation bonds or in any other bonds.

317. Dau and Schaffer—Provides for establishment of new roads through private property.

318. Nance—Provides public roads shall not be vacated or changed without consent of a majority of the voters by sixty-five per cent of voters.

319. Application of this act to roads having bridge over sixty feet in length.

320. Norton, Polk—Relating to election of judges proposed amendments to constitution.

321. Finance Committee—Appropriates \$1,500 for emergency use of railway commission.

322. Swanson and Schwab—Adds new penalties to violation of law governing operation of passenger motor vehicles.

323. Peterson, Lancaster—Makes appropriation and creates commission to improve conditions of blind.

324. Bluebird and Parkinson—Requires state conservation commission to preserve records of well building in Nebraska.

325. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Relates to issuance of general fund warrants by irrigation districts.

326. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Makes it a misdemeanor to leave gates open on private property.

327. Saxe, Sarpy—Appropriates \$3,000 for repairs at state fish hatchery and for new fish car.

328. Hoffmeister, Chase—Relates to practice of law in salina land of Nebraska maintained by national fraternal orders in this state.

329. Nesbitt and Koch—Ten-cent bonus for killing pocket gophers.

330. LaBounty et al—Appropriates \$5,000 for aid of southwest Nebraska fair, at Maywood.

331. Craddock, Douglas—Provides for rural school teaching courses in state normal.

332. Nelson, Douglas—Provides that any person owing from \$50 to \$1,000 may provide for gradual payment of debts by stating same with municipal court at Omaha.

333. Fries, Howard—Fixes hotel registration fee on basis of number of rooms.

334. Fries, Howard—Provides for assessment of power plants where main plant is located.

335. Liggett, Seward—Provides for filing of reports by insurance agents when applying for license, on their past records.

336. Schneider, Douglas—Appropriates \$15,000 for state fish lake.

337. Ollis—An act to amend chapter 113 of the Session laws of Nebraska for 1916, being section 6745 Revised Statutes of Nebraska for 1913, relating to the length of time school shall be taught and the manner of election and to declare an emergency.

338. Dorse, Franklin—Makes county treasurer county fiscal agent.

339. Committee on Claims and Deficiencies—Appropriation for the payment of miscellaneous items of indebtedness arising from the state government, and to declare an emergency.

340. Fries—Appropriation for miscellaneous items.

341. Richmond, Douglas—Authorizing the board of county commissioners in counties having 150,000 population to sell land or lot for the purpose of securing funds to erect a poor house.

342. By the Governor—To validate and confirm title in salina land of Nebraska.

343. By the Governor—An act to provide for the promotion for vocational education in accordance with an act of Congress.

344. Governor Neville—Making an appropriation for the purchase of medals for members of the Nebraska National Guard and declaring an emergency.

345. Beal—Making an appropriation for the expenses of the Nebraska National Guard and parts thereof recruited organized for mobilized within the state in desiring an emergency.

346. A bill for an act to amend section 3160 of the Revised Statutes for 1913, and to repeal said original section as now existing.

ing defective instruments conveying real estate, curing defects in acknowledgment and execution and making competent evidence in the courts of this state.

347. Peterson and Flansburg—Validating instruments by foreclosure of mortgages of real estate and providing for probate of foreign wills without administration in certain cases.

348. Shannon, Douglas—Provides district clerks shall not retain certain fees.

349. White, Brown—Relates to inadequate facilities of schools.

350. Nance—Misdemeanor for county officers not to attend to road and culvert repairs.

351. Stearns, Scotts Bluff—Relates to stock shipping law.

352. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Amendment to Irrigation law.

353. Provides aero company for national guard.

354. Dorse, Franklin—Relates to voting in supervisor districts.

355. Taylor and Norton—Unites hotel and food commission in accordance with Governor Neville's recommendation.

356. Taylor, Custer—Creates a bureau of printing and supplies.

357. Good, Nemaha—Relating to foreign insurance companies.

358. Riehard—Relating to inspection fee bill.

359. Labor Committee—Regulation of private employment agencies.

360. Ollis—Board of control shall have power to name all institutional heads.

361. Flansburg, Lancaster—Appropriates \$326.00 to heirs of Robert Scott, former Milford inmate.

362. Lancaster County Delegation—Relates to public schools of Lincoln.

363. Peterson, Lancaster—Relates to liquidation of private bond issues.

364. Peterson—Providing that no franchise right to streets and alleys can be secured by users of same.

365. Peterson—Appropriates \$1,500 for sanitary district of Lincoln for benefits to state farm.

366. Taylor, Custer—Relating to interurban railway incorporations.

367. Ollis, Valley—Makes food commissioner hotel commissioner.

368. Taylor, Custer—Provides that governor in case of vacancy for United States senator may fill by appointment.

369. Osterman and others—Provides for payment by the state of all hail and storm damages.

370. Howard, Douglas—Relating to the personal injury to employees of state of Nebraska.

371. Richard—Relating to salaries of county superintendents.

372. Thomas, Box Butte—Providing for the investigation and prevention of fires and providing additional duties for the fire commissioner.

373. Trumble, Sherman—Dividing the state into six districts and the employment of an inspector of weights and measures in each district, fixing the compensation at \$5 a day and traveling expenses.

374. Swanson, Clay—Providing that the insurance board shall not issue a license to any insurance company until it has complied with the law relating to uniform blank forms.

375. Swanson (by request)—Provides that all fees received from insurance companies shall be placed by the state treasurer into the general fund account.

376. Dufoe, Johnson—Providing that any one entering any building armed with a dangerous weapon to be used to hold up persons shall be sentenced to from twenty years to life.

377. Ainlay, Merrick (by request)—Relating to associations organized for the purpose of raising money to be loaned among members.

378. Hopkins, Douglas—Adds three assistant probation officers in Douglas county.

379. Ledigh, Otoe—Relating to financial conduct of school districts.

380. Ollis, Valley—To provide for the purchase of all school districts, and provide for necessary surveys.

381. Ollis, Valley—Regulating the sale of agricultural machinery in Nebraska.

382. Mills, Lancaster—Excepting assessment associations from the law requiring a deposit of all investment securities with insurance board.

383. Peterson, Lancaster—Relating to improvement of streets and alleys in Lincoln.

384. Fultz, Furnas—Eliminating the ten dollar permit charge collected under present law from retail dealers for importing and quarterly reports.

385. Good, Nemaha—Appropriates \$2,000 for relief of Lettie Mae Wiser.

386. Anderson, Boyd—Amends pure food law relating to percentage of alcohol contained in articles.

387. Peterson, Lancaster—Modifies law regarding sale of securities under Blue Sky Law.

388. Thomas et al—Provides for state publicist.

389. Taylor, Custer—Amend school district law.

390. Bates, Cheyenne—Appropriates \$15,000 for irrigation experiments.

391. Hughes and Regan—Appropriates \$31,400 for land at Norfolk hospital.

392. Bull, Douglas—Regulates sale of animal cholesterasum.

393. Bull, Douglas—Provides for treatment of lice infested cattle.

394. Hunt, Saline—Provides for acquisition of land for cemetery purposes.

395. Finance, Ways and Means Committee—Appropriation for buildings at the following institutions—Addition to government building, etc.; Beatrice institute for feeble-minded youth, \$45,000; cattle barn, etc., girls' industrial school at Geneva, \$7,500; boys' industrial school at Lincoln, \$1,300; Nebraska industrial home, Milford, \$10,274; soldiers' home, Grand Island, \$16,820; improvement Ingleside hospital, \$25,000; improvement state industrial school, Kearney, \$20,500; Nebraska hospital for insane, Lincoln, \$142,000; orthopedic hospital, Lincoln, \$3,000; state penitentiary, \$41,300; Nebraska industrial home, Milford, \$3,000; Norfolk insane asylum, \$117,000; Nebraska school for deaf Omaha, \$6,000; home for dependent children, Lincoln, \$2,500.

396. Anderson, Boyd—Appropriation \$50,000 to state penitentiary.

397. Road Committee—Meets requirements of federal aid road fund appropriation.

398. Hughes and Radke—Provides for exercise of power of eminent domain for purpose of securing library sites.

399. Harris and Hostetler—Appropriates \$100,000 for Dedena flags for public school grounds.

400. Keegan, Douglas—Increases salary of Douglas county assessor to \$4,000 a year.

401. Cronin, Holt—Provides for purchase of county supplies in open market.

402. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Changes time of payment and rate of payment of bonds of irrigation districts.

403. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Provides for transfer property in irrigation districts.

404. Stearns, Scottsbluff—Provides for irrigation district boards to borrow funds on payments to the United States.

405. Joint Prohibition Committee—Prohibition bill.

406. Appropriations for salaries of state officers.

407. Retzlack, Craddock, Greenwall, Hoffmeister, Fuller, Ollis, Good, Peterson, Cronin and Mears—Appropriation for the current expenses of the state government, and miscellaneous items for the years ending March 31, 1918, and March 31, 1919, and declaring an emergency.

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### News of Interest to and Pertaining to Alliance Colored People

Edited by Rev. T. B. J. Barclay

Th two children of Mrs. M. E. Ford are reported to be very ill.

The quarantine is expected to be lifted soon at the home of Mrs. E. Lane.

William Ford is in Cherry county on business.

Bishop E. B. Parks of Denver will spend one Sunday here in July. It is hoped that there will be a large audience out to here him speak at that time.

Last Sunday a series of meetings started at the A. M. E. church. A general invitation is extended to all to attend these meetings. Preaching every evening at 8 o'clock. The meetings need you and you need the meetings.

The A. M. E. Sunday school is making a great effort to secure the Sunday school convention to be held in June for Alliance.

J. E. Selby is now farming to help raise the much needed produce to help feed Europe.

Mrs. M. L. Barclay, living in Hill's addition, is reported to be indisposed.

Mr. Winston, living on Sweetwater, is ill. We hope to see him out again soon.

Miss Neoma Slaughter is confined to her bed.

Mrs. Jennie Morgan of Cherry county was in the city a few days visiting Mrs. Barclay. She left for Colorado Springs to visit her daughter.

Clem Linear has returned from Cherry county.

The Negro soldiers who have served with distinction in every war that the United States has waged. In the Revolutionary war there was an average of 35 negroes in each white regiment. Under General Washington's immediate command 775 negroes fought on August 24, 1778.

This did not include those from New York, New Hampshire and Connecticut, about 3,000 in all. Some of the most heroic deeds of the war for independence were performed by the Negro soldiers.

In 1812 Commodore Petry spoke highly of the bravery and good conduct of the Negro soldiers under his command at the Battle of Lake Erie. In 1814, 2,000 New Yorkers were sent to Sackett Harbor. Two battalions of 500 Negroes distinguished themselves in the Battle of New Orleans.

Near 178,975 Negro soldiers took part in the Civil War and were in some of the bloodiest battles. Nearly 2,000 were in the Confederate army at New Orleans. The fighting 9th and 10th won the reputation of being the best Indian fighters on the frontier in 1838. The four colored regiments were among the first ordered to Cuba and they did their duty and proved their heroism in all the battles in Cuba. Their work at San Juan Hill will always be remembered.

In all of the wars where the white soldiers have died the Negroes have died also and 30,000 are ready to go to France. If needed there are a million Negroes who will go and all they ask is a man's chance.

The first blood spilled for America was the blood of a Negro, Crispus Attucks, who was killed in Boston, March 5, 1770. From that time to the present the Negro has continued to be a defender of Old Glory. On land or sea, in Mexico or in Europe, the Negro is ready and willing to serve, regardless of all mistreatment, insult, abuse, disfranchisement, Jim Crowism, prejudice, and hatred, and all because of his color. The time will come again when the Negro will prove to the world that he is human, patriotic, loyal, brave and true. He just ask's a man's chance.

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