

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 531**

Introduced by Vargas, 7; Wishart, 27.

Read first time January 22, 2019

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Administration Fund; to amend
- 2 section 32-204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to
- 3 provide for a transfer; to create a fund; to repeal the original
- 4 section; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2018, is amended to read:

3 32-204 The Election Administration Fund is hereby created. The fund  
4 shall consist of federal funds, state funds, gifts, and grants  
5 appropriated for the administration of elections. The Secretary of State  
6 shall use the fund for voting systems, provisional voting, computerized  
7 statewide voter registration lists, voter registration, training or  
8 informational materials related to elections, and any other costs related  
9 to elections. The Secretary of State shall transfer two hundred thousand  
10 dollars from the Election Administration Fund to the Enhanced Motor Voter  
11 Fund on or before June 30, 2019. Any money in the fund available for  
12 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
13 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
14 Investment Act. ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer any funds in the~~  
15 ~~Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund on August 24, 2017, to the~~  
16 ~~Election Administration Fund.~~

17 Sec. 2. The Enhanced Motor Voter Fund is hereby created. The fund  
18 shall consist of federal funds, gifts, and grants appropriated for the  
19 improvement of voter registration processes occurring at the Department  
20 of Motor Vehicles or other state agencies.

21 It is the intent of the Legislature that the fund be used by the  
22 Secretary of State to increase the number of eligible Nebraskans who  
23 create, update, or affirm their voter registrations while interacting  
24 with state agencies.

25 Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by  
26 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion  
27 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

28 Sec. 3. Original section 32-204, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
29 Supplement, 2018, is repealed.

30 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
31 passed and approved according to law.