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## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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# LEGISLATIVE BILL 827

Introduced by Dubas, 34.

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Committee:

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to county officers; to amend section 23-1111,
Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011; to require mediation
for budget disputes between a county board and a county
officer; and to repeal the original section.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 23-1111, Revised Statutes Supplement,

- 2 2011, is amended to read:
- 3 23-1111 (1) The county officers in all counties shall
- 4 have the necessary clerks and assistants for such periods and at such
- 5 salaries as the county officers may determine, subject to budgetary
- 6 approval by the county board.
- 7 (2) In carrying out its budget-making duties, a county
- 8 board shall not eliminate an office or unduly hinder a county officer
- 9 in the conduct of his or her statutory duties. <u>If a county officer</u>
- 10 challenges a county board's decision regarding its budget-making
- 11 duties, the officer and the board shall participate in mediation. The
- 12 county officer shall not challenge the county board's decision in
- 13 court unless the mediator has concluded that further efforts would
- 14 not result in a resolution of the issue. The costs of mediation shall
- 15 <u>be shared by the county board and the county officer.</u> If a county
- 16 officer challenges the a county board's decision regarding its
- 17 <u>budget-making duties</u> in court, the <del>county</del> officer shall have the
- 18 burden to prove such of proving elimination of an office or undue
- 19 hindrance by clear and convincing evidence.
- 20 Sec. 2. Original section 23-1111, Revised Statutes
- 21 Supplement, 2011, is repealed.