

SUMMARY OF 2026 CHANGES TO NEBRASKA HALL OF FAME LEGISLATION

The original legislative bill (LB 1159) as amended was rolled into the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs committee bill (LB 596, Section 12) which was adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor on April 14, 2026. The bill did not include the emergency clause and will go into effect three months after the legislature adjourned which was April 17th meaning the changes will become law on July 18th.

Changes to Nebraska Revised Statutes, 72-728

Added to 72-728(1):

This subsection shall not apply to subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Deleted from 72-728(1):

No individual shall be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame until at least thirty five years after such person's demise.

Added 72-728(3):

Prior to June 30, 2027, the commission shall name one living person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Such person shall be a Nebraskan as defined in section [72-726](#) and have demonstrated a record of achievement in the following areas:

- (a) Public service;
- (b) Leadership in collegiate athletics; and
- (c) Volunteer youth mentorship activities.