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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend sections 2-955, 8-157,
2 23-150, 23-151, 23-1723, 23-1723.01, 23-1732, 23-2503, 23-2517,
3 23-2518, 23-3502, 23-3582, 29-902.01, 32-221, 32-555, 33-114.01, and
4 71-1631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 32-554,
5 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 23-148
6 and 32-528, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change county
7 population thresholds; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
8 original sections.
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 2-955, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 2-955 (1) Notices for control of noxious weeds shall consist of two
4 kinds: General notices, as prescribed by rules and regulations adopted
5 and promulgated by the director, which notices shall be on a form
6 prescribed by the director; and individual notices, which notices shall
7 be on a form prescribed by this section. Failure to publish general weed
8 notices or to serve individual notices as provided in this section shall
9 not relieve any person from the necessity of full compliance with the
10 Noxious Weed Control Act and rules and regulations adopted and
11 promulgated pursuant to the act.

12 (a) General notice shall be published by each control authority, in
13 one or more newspapers of general circulation throughout the area over
14 which the control authority has jurisdiction, on or before May 1 of each
15 year and at such other times as the director may require or the control
16 authority may determine.

17 (b) Whenever any control authority finds it necessary to secure more
18 prompt or definite control of weeds on particular land than is
19 accomplished by the general published notice, it shall cause to be served
20 individual notice upon the owner of record of such land at his or her
21 last-known address, giving specific instructions and methods when and how
22 certain named weeds are to be controlled. Such methods may include
23 definite systems of tillage, cropping, management, and use of livestock.

24 Each control authority shall use one or both of the following forms
25 for all individual notices: (i)

26 County Weed Control Authority
27 OFFICIAL NOTICE

28 Section 2-952, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, places an
29 affirmative duty upon every person to control noxious weeds on land under
30 such person's ownership or control. Information received by the control
31 authority, including an onsite investigation by the county weed control

1 superintendent or a deputy, indicated the existence of an uncontrolled
2 noxious weed infestation on property owned by you
3 at:

4 The noxious weed or weeds are The method of control
5 recommended by the control authority is as
6 follows:

7 Other appropriate control methods are acceptable if approved by the
8 county weed control superintendent.

9 Because the stage of growth of the noxious weed infestation on the
10 above-specified property warrants immediate control, if such infestation
11 remains uncontrolled after ten days from the date specified at the bottom
12 of this notice, the control authority may enter upon such property for
13 the purpose of taking the appropriate weed control measures. Costs for
14 the control activities of the control authority shall be at the expense
15 of the owner of the property and shall become a lien on the property as a
16 special assessment levied on the date of control.

17 Weed Control Superintendent

18 Dated.....;

19 or (ii)

20 County Weed Control Authority

21 OFFICIAL NOTICE

22 Section 2-952, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, places an
23 affirmative duty upon every person to control noxious weeds on land under
24 such person's ownership or control. Information received by the control
25 authority, including an onsite investigation by the county weed control
26 superintendent or a deputy, indicates the existence of an uncontrolled
27 noxious weed infestation on property owned by you
28 at:

29 The noxious weed or weeds are The method of
30 control recommended by the control authority is as
31 follows:

1 Other appropriate control methods are acceptable if approved by the
2 county weed control superintendent. If, within fifteen days from the date
3 specified at the bottom of this notice, the noxious weed infestation on
4 such property, as specified above, has not been brought under control,
5 you may, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$100.00 per day for
6 each day of noncompliance beginning on, up to a maximum of
7 fifteen days of noncompliance (maximum \$1,500).

8 Upon request to the control authority, within fifteen days from the
9 date specified at the bottom of this notice, you are entitled to a
10 hearing before the control authority to challenge the existence of a
11 noxious weed infestation on property owned by you
12 at

13 Weed Control Superintendent

14 Dated.....

15 In all counties having a population of four ~~three~~ hundred thousand
16 or more inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial
17 census, the control authority may dispense with the individual notices
18 and may publish general notices if published in one or more newspapers of
19 general circulation throughout the area over which such control authority
20 has jurisdiction. Such notice shall be published weekly for four
21 successive weeks prior to May 1 of each year or at such other times as
22 the control authority deems necessary. In no event shall a fine be
23 assessed against a landowner as prescribed in subdivision (3)(a) of this
24 section unless the control authority has caused individual notice to be
25 served upon the landowner as specified in this subdivision.

26 (2) At the request of any owner served with an individual notice
27 pursuant to subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, the control authority
28 shall hold an informal public hearing to allow such landowner an
29 opportunity to be heard on the question of the existence of an
30 uncontrolled noxious weed infestation on such landowner's property.

31 (3) Whenever the owner of the land on which noxious weeds are

1 present has neglected or failed to control them as required pursuant to
2 the act and any notice given pursuant to subsection (1) of this section,
3 the control authority having jurisdiction shall proceed as follows:

4 (a) If, within fifteen days from the date specified on the notice
5 required by subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, the owner has not
6 taken action to control the noxious weeds on the specified property and
7 has not requested a hearing pursuant to subsection (2) of this section,
8 the control authority shall notify the county attorney who shall proceed
9 against such owner as prescribed in this subdivision. A person who is
10 responsible for an infestation of noxious weeds on particular land under
11 his or her ownership and who refuses or fails to control the weeds on the
12 infested area within the time designated in the notice delivered by the
13 control authority shall, upon conviction, be guilty of an infraction
14 pursuant to sections 29-431 to 29-438, except that the penalty shall be a
15 fine of one hundred dollars per day for each day of violation up to a
16 total of one thousand five hundred dollars for fifteen days of
17 noncompliance; or

18 (b) If, within ten days from the date specified in the notice
19 required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) of this section, the owner has not
20 taken action to control the noxious weeds on the specified property and
21 the stage of growth of such noxious weeds warrants immediate control to
22 prevent spread of the infestation to neighboring property, the control
23 authority may cause proper control methods to be used on such infested
24 land, including necessary destruction of growing crops, and shall advise
25 the record owner of the cost incurred in connection with such operation.
26 The cost of any such control shall be at the expense of the owner. In
27 addition the control authority shall immediately cause notice to be filed
28 of possible unpaid weed control assessments against the property upon
29 which the control measures were used in the register of deeds office in
30 the county where the property is located. If unpaid for two months, the
31 control authority shall certify to the county treasurer the amount of

1 such expense and such expense shall become a lien on the property upon
2 which the control measures were taken as a special assessment levied on
3 the date of control. The county treasurer shall add such expense to and
4 it shall become and form a part of the taxes upon such land and shall
5 bear interest at the same rate as taxes.

6 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit
7 satisfaction of the obligation imposed hereby in whole or in part by tax
8 foreclosure proceedings. The expense may be collected by suit instituted
9 for that purpose as a debt due the county or by any other or additional
10 remedy otherwise available. Amounts collected under subdivision (3)(b) of
11 this section shall be deposited to the noxious weed control fund of the
12 control authority or, if no noxious weed control fund exists, to the
13 county general fund.

14 Sec. 2. Section 8-157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:

16 8-157 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section
17 8-2103, the general business of every bank shall be transacted at the
18 place of business specified in its charter.

19 (2)(a)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this
20 section, with the approval of the director, any bank located in this
21 state may establish and maintain in this state an unlimited number of
22 branches at which all banking transactions allowed by law may be made.

23 (ii) Any bank that owns or controls more than twenty-two percent of
24 the total deposits in Nebraska, as described in subdivision (2)(c) of
25 section 8-910 and computed in accordance with subsection (3) of section
26 8-910, or any bank that is a subsidiary of a bank holding company that
27 owns or controls more than twenty-two percent of the total deposits in
28 Nebraska, as described in subdivision (2)(c) of section 8-910 and
29 computed in accordance with subsection (3) of section 8-910, shall not
30 establish and maintain an unlimited number of branches as provided in
31 subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section. With the approval of the director,

1 a bank as described in this subdivision may establish and maintain in the
2 county in which such bank is located an unlimited number of branches at
3 which all banking transactions allowed by law may be made, except that if
4 such bank is located in a Class I or Class III county, such bank may
5 establish and maintain in Class I and Class III counties an unlimited
6 number of branches at which all banking transactions allowed by law may
7 be made.

8 (iii) Any bank which establishes and maintains branches pursuant to
9 subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section and which subsequently becomes a
10 bank as described in subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this section shall not be
11 subject to the limitations as to location of branches contained in
12 subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this section with regard to any such
13 established branch and shall continue to be entitled to maintain any such
14 established branch as if such bank had not become a bank as described in
15 subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this section.

16 (b) With the approval of the director, any bank or any branch may
17 establish and maintain a mobile branch at which all banking transactions
18 allowed by law may be made. Such mobile branch may consist of one or more
19 vehicles which may transact business only within the county in which such
20 bank or such branch is located and within counties in this state which
21 adjoin such county.

22 (c) For purposes of this subsection:

23 (i) Class I county means a county in this state with a population of
24 four ~~three~~ hundred thousand or more as determined by the most recent
25 federal decennial census;

26 (ii) Class II county means a county in this state with a population
27 of at least two hundred thousand and less than four ~~three~~ hundred
28 thousand as determined by the most recent federal decennial census;

29 (iii) Class III county means a county in this state with a
30 population of at least one hundred thousand and less than two hundred
31 thousand as determined by the most recent federal decennial census; and

1 (iv) Class IV county means a county in this state with a population
2 of less than one hundred thousand as determined by the most recent
3 federal decennial census.

4 (3) With the approval of the director, a bank may establish and
5 maintain branches acquired pursuant to section 8-1506 or 8-1516. All
6 banking transactions allowed by law may be made at such branches.

7 (4) With the approval of the director, a bank may acquire the assets
8 and assume the deposits of a branch of another financial institution in
9 Nebraska if the acquired branch is converted to a branch of the acquiring
10 bank. All banking transactions allowed by law may be made at a branch
11 acquired pursuant to this subsection.

12 (5) With the approval of the director, a bank may establish a branch
13 pursuant to subdivision (6) of section 8-115.01. All banking transactions
14 allowed by law may be made at such branch.

15 (6) The name given to any branch established and maintained pursuant
16 to this section shall not be substantially similar to the name of any
17 existing bank or branch which is unaffiliated with the newly created
18 branch and is located in the same city, village, or county. The name of
19 such newly created branch shall be approved by the director.

20 (7) A bank which has a main chartered office or an approved branch
21 located in the State of Nebraska may, through any of its executive
22 officers, including executive officers licensed as such pursuant to
23 section 8-139, or designated agents, conduct a loan closing at a location
24 other than the place of business specified in the bank's charter or any
25 branch thereof.

26 (8) A bank which has a main chartered office or approved branch
27 located in the State of Nebraska may, upon notification to the
28 department, establish savings account programs at any elementary or
29 secondary school, whether public or private, that has students who reside
30 in the same city or village as the main chartered office or branch of the
31 bank, or, if the main office of the bank is located in an unincorporated

1 area of a county, at any school that has students who reside in the same
2 unincorporated area. The savings account programs shall be limited to the
3 establishment of individual student accounts and the receipt of deposits
4 for such accounts.

5 (9) Upon receiving an application for a branch to be established
6 pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section, to establish a mobile
7 branch pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) of this section, to acquire a
8 branch of another financial institution pursuant to subsection (4) of
9 this section, to establish or acquire a branch pursuant to subsection (1)
10 of section 8-2103, or to move the location of an established branch other
11 than a move made pursuant to subdivision (6) of section 8-115.01, the
12 director shall hold a public hearing on the matter if he or she
13 determines, in his or her discretion, that the condition of the applicant
14 bank warrants a hearing. If the director determines that the condition of
15 the bank does not warrant a hearing, the director shall (a) publish a
16 notice of the filing of the application in a newspaper of general
17 circulation in the county where the proposed branch or mobile branch
18 would be located, the expense of which shall be paid by the applicant
19 bank, and (b) give notice of such application to all financial
20 institutions located within the county where the proposed branch or
21 mobile branch would be located and to such other interested parties as
22 the director may determine. The director shall send the notice to
23 financial institutions by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or
24 electronic mail. Electronic mail may be used if the financial institution
25 agrees in advance to receive such notices by electronic mail. A financial
26 institution may designate one office for receipt of any such notice if it
27 has more than one office located within the county where such notice is
28 to be sent or a main office in a county other than the county where such
29 notice is to be sent. If the director receives any substantive objection
30 to the proposed branch or mobile branch within fifteen days after
31 publication of such notice, he or she shall hold a hearing on the

1 application. Notice of a hearing held pursuant to this subsection shall
2 be published for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general
3 circulation in the county where the proposed branch or mobile branch
4 would be located. The date for hearing the application shall not be more
5 than ninety days after the filing of the application and not less than
6 thirty days after the last publication of notice of hearing. The expense
7 of any publication and mailing required by this section shall be paid by
8 the applicant.

9 Sec. 3. Section 23-148, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is
10 amended to read:

11 23-148 The county board of commissioners in all counties having not
12 more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the
13 most recent federal decennial census shall consist of three persons
14 except as follows:

15 (1) The registered voters in any county containing not more than
16 four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent
17 federal decennial census may vote at any general election as to whether
18 their county board shall consist of three or five commissioners. Upon the
19 completion of the canvass by the county canvassing board, the proposition
20 shall be decided and, if the number of commissioners is increased from
21 three to five commissioners, vacancies shall be deemed to exist and the
22 procedures set forth in sections 32-567 and 32-574 shall be instituted;
23 and

24 (2) The registered voters of any county under township organization
25 voting to discontinue township organization may also vote as to the
26 number of county commissioners as provided in sections 23-292 to 23-299.

27 Sec. 4. Section 23-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
28 amended to read:

29 23-150 (1) The commissioners shall be registered voters and
30 residents of their respective districts.

31 (2) Beginning in 1992, any person seeking nomination or election to

1 the county board of commissioners in a county having more than four ~~three~~
2 hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
3 decennial census shall have resided within the district he or she seeks
4 to represent for at least six months immediately prior to the date on
5 which he or she is required to file as a candidate for such office. No
6 person shall be eligible to be appointed to the county board in such
7 counties unless he or she has resided in the district he or she would
8 represent for at least six months prior to assuming office.

9 (3) This section shall be complied with within six months after a
10 determination that the population has reached more than four hundred
11 thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial
12 census.

13 Sec. 5. Section 23-151, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
14 amended to read:

15 23-151 (1) Each county under commissioner organization having not
16 more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the
17 most recent federal decennial census shall be divided into (a) three
18 districts numbered respectively, one, two, and three, (b) five districts
19 as provided for in sections 23-148 and 23-149 numbered respectively, one,
20 two, three, four, and five, or (c) seven districts as provided for in
21 sections 23-292 to 23-299 numbered respectively, one, two, three, four,
22 five, six, and seven. Each county having more than four ~~three~~ hundred
23 thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial
24 census shall be divided into seven districts numbered respectively, one,
25 two, three, four, five, six, and seven.

26 (2) Such districts shall consist of two or more voting precincts
27 comprising compact and contiguous territory and embracing a substantially
28 equal division of the population of the county. District boundary lines
29 shall not be subject to alteration more than once every ten years unless
30 the county has a change in population requiring it to be redistricted
31 pursuant to subdivision (3)(a) of this section or unless there is a vote

1 to change from three to five districts as provided for in sections 23-148
2 and 23-149.

3 (3)(a) The establishment of district boundary lines pursuant to
4 subsection (1) of this section shall be completed within one year after a
5 county attains a population of more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand
6 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.
7 Beginning in 2001 and every ten years thereafter, the district boundary
8 lines of any county having more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand
9 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census
10 shall be redrawn, if necessary to maintain substantially equal district
11 populations, by the date specified in section 32-553.

12 (b) The establishment of district boundary lines and any alteration
13 thereof under this subsection shall be done by the county board. If the
14 county board fails to do so by the applicable deadline, district
15 boundaries shall be drawn by the election commissioner within six months
16 after the deadline established for the drawing or redrawing of district
17 boundaries by the county board. If the election commissioner fails to
18 meet such deadline, the remedies established in subsection (3) of section
19 32-555 shall apply.

20 (4) The district boundary lines shall not be changed at any session
21 of the county board unless all of the commissioners are present at such
22 session.

23 (5) Commissioners shall be elected as provided in section 32-528.
24 Elections shall be conducted as provided in the Election Act.

25 Sec. 6. Section 23-1723, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 23-1723 The sheriff's office merit commission in counties having a
28 population of four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants or more as
29 determined by the most recent federal decennial census shall consist of
30 five members. One member shall be a duly elected county official,
31 appointed by the county board. One member shall be a deputy sheriff,

1 elected by the deputy sheriffs. Three members shall be selected by the
2 presiding judge of the judicial district encompassing such county and
3 shall be public representatives who are residents of the county. The
4 terms of office of members initially appointed or elected shall expire on
5 January 1 of the first, second, and third years following their
6 appointment or election, as designated by the county board. As the terms
7 of initial members expire, their successors shall be appointed or elected
8 for three-year terms in the same manner as the initial members. The
9 additional public representative provided for in this section shall serve
10 until January 1, 1984, and thereafter his or her successors shall be
11 appointed or elected for three-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by
12 appointment or election in the same manner as appointment or election of
13 initial members. The commission shall have the power to declare vacant
14 the position of any member who no longer meets the qualifications for
15 election or appointment set out in this section.

16 Sec. 7. Section 23-1723.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 23-1723.01 (1) In counties having a population of not less than
19 twenty-five thousand inhabitants and less than four ~~three~~ hundred
20 thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial
21 census, the sheriff's office merit commission shall consist of three
22 members, except that the membership of the commission may be increased to
23 five members by unanimous vote of the three-member commission.

24 (2) If the commission consists of three members, one member shall be
25 a duly elected county official, appointed by the county board, one member
26 shall be a deputy sheriff, elected by the deputy sheriffs, and one member
27 shall be selected by the presiding judge of the judicial district
28 encompassing such county and shall be a public representative who is a
29 resident of the county and neither an official nor employee of the
30 county. If the commission consists of five members, one member shall be a
31 duly elected county official, appointed by the board of county

1 commissioners, two members shall be deputy sheriffs, elected by the
2 deputy sheriffs, and two members shall be selected by the presiding judge
3 of the judicial district encompassing such county and shall be public
4 representatives who are residents of the county and neither officials nor
5 employees of the county.

6 (3) The terms of office of members initially appointed or elected
7 after March 20, 1982, shall expire on January 1 of the years 1983, 1984,
8 and 1985, as designated by the county board. Thereafter, the terms of the
9 members of the commission shall be three years, except that in a county
10 with a five-member commission, (a) the initial term of the additional
11 deputy sheriff member shall be staggered so that his or her term shall
12 coincide with the term of such county's deputy sheriff elected before
13 August 31, 2003, and (b) the initial term of the additional public
14 representative member shall be staggered so that his or her term shall
15 coincide with the term of such county's public representative member
16 appointed before August 31, 2003. As the terms of initial members expire,
17 their successors shall be appointed or elected in the same manner as the
18 initial members. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment or election
19 in the same manner as appointment or election of initial members. The
20 commission shall have the power to declare vacant the position of any
21 member who no longer meets the qualifications for election or appointment
22 set out in this section.

23 Sec. 8. Section 23-1732, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 23-1732 (1) All deputy sheriffs in active employment on January 1,
26 1970, in counties of four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants or more as
27 determined by the most recent federal decennial census and on January 1,
28 1973, in counties having a population of more than one hundred fifty
29 thousand but less than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as
30 determined by the most recent federal decennial census, and who have been
31 such for more than two years immediately prior thereto, shall hold their

1 positions without examinations until discharged, reduced, promoted, or
2 transferred in accordance with sections 23-1721 to 23-1736.

3 (2) All deputy sheriffs in active employment on January 1, 1975, in
4 counties having a population of more than sixty thousand but not more
5 than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, and who have been deputy
6 sheriffs for more than two years immediately prior thereto, or who have
7 been certified by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and who
8 have received a certificate of completion shall hold their positions
9 without examinations until discharged, reduced, promoted, or transferred
10 in accordance with sections 23-1721 to 23-1736.

11 (3) All deputy sheriffs in active employment on January 1, 1977, in
12 counties having a population of more than forty thousand but not more
13 than sixty thousand inhabitants, and who have been deputy sheriffs for
14 more than two years immediately prior thereto, or who have been certified
15 by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and who have received a
16 certificate of completion shall hold their positions without examinations
17 until discharged, reduced, promoted, or transferred in accordance with
18 sections 23-1721 to 23-1736.

19 (4) All deputy sheriffs in active employment on January 1, 1982, in
20 counties having a population of twenty-five thousand or more but not more
21 than forty thousand inhabitants, and who have been deputy sheriffs for
22 more than two years immediately prior thereto, or who have been certified
23 by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, and who have received a
24 certificate of completion shall hold their positions without examinations
25 until discharged, reduced, promoted, or transferred in accordance with
26 sections 23-1721 to 23-1736.

27 (5) All deputy sheriffs who have been so employed for more than six
28 months and less than two years on such date shall be required to take
29 qualifying examinations, and all such deputy sheriffs who have been so
30 employed for less than six months on such date shall be required to take
31 competitive examinations.

1 Sec. 9. Section 23-2503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 23-2503 In any county having a population of three hundred thousand
4 inhabitants or more as determined by the most recent federal decennial
5 census, there shall be a Civil Service Commission which shall be formed
6 as provided in sections 23-2501 to 23-2516. A county shall comply with
7 this section within six months after a determination that the population
8 has reached three hundred thousand inhabitants or more as determined by
9 the most recent federal decennial census within ninety days of May 21,
10 1971.

11 Sec. 10. Section 23-2517, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 23-2517 (1) Sections 23-2517 to 23-2533 and section 12 of this act
14 shall be known and may be cited as the County Civil Service Act.

15 (2) The general purpose of the County Civil Service Act is to
16 establish a system of personnel administration that meets the social,
17 economic, and program needs of county offices. This system shall provide
18 means to recruit, select, develop and maintain an effective and
19 responsive work force, and shall include policies and procedures for
20 employee hiring and advancement, training and career development,
21 position classification, salary administration, fringe benefits,
22 discharge and other related activities. All appointments and promotions
23 under the County Civil Service Act shall be made based on merit and
24 fitness.

25 Sec. 11. Section 23-2518, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 23-2518 For purposes of the County Civil Service Act:

28 (1) Appointing authority means elected officials and appointed
29 department directors authorized to make appointments in the county
30 service;

31 (2) Board of county commissioners means the board of commissioners

1 of any county with a population of one hundred fifty thousand to three
2 hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
3 decennial census;

4 (3) Classified service means the positions in the county service to
5 which the act applies;

6 (4) County personnel officer means the employee designated by the
7 board of county commissioners to administer the act;

8 (5) Department means a functional unit of the county government
9 headed by an elected official or established by the board of county
10 commissioners;

11 (6) Deputy means an individual who serves as the first assistant to
12 and at the pleasure of an elected official;

13 (7) Elected official means an officer elected by the popular vote of
14 the people and known as the county attorney, public defender, county
15 sheriff, county treasurer, clerk of the district court, register of
16 deeds, county clerk, county assessor, and county surveyor;

17 (8) Internal Revenue Code means the Internal Revenue Code as defined
18 in section 49-801.01;

19 (9) Political subdivision means a village, city of the second class,
20 city of the first class, city of the primary class, city of the
21 metropolitan class, county, school district, public power district, or
22 any other unit of local government including entities created pursuant to
23 the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. Political
24 subdivision does not include a contractor with the county;

25 (10) State means the State of Nebraska;

26 (11) Straight-time rate of pay means the rate of pay in effect on
27 the date of transfer of employees stated in the resolution by the county
28 board requesting the transfer; and

29 (12) Transferred employee means an employee of the state or a
30 political subdivision transferred to the county pursuant to a request for
31 such transfer made by the county under section 23-2518.01.

1 Sec. 12. A board of county commissioners shall comply with the
2 County Civil Service Act within six months after a determination that the
3 population requirement as provided in subdivision (2) of section 23-2518
4 has been attained as determined by the most recent federal decennial
5 census.

6 Sec. 13. Section 23-3502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 23-3502 (1) When a county with a population of three thousand six
9 hundred inhabitants or more and less than two hundred thousand
10 inhabitants or with a taxable value of the taxable property of twenty-
11 eight million six hundred thousand dollars or more establishes a facility
12 as provided by section 23-3501, the county board of the county shall
13 appoint a board of trustees.

14 (2) In counties having a population of two hundred thousand
15 inhabitants or more, the county board of the county having a facility, in
16 lieu of appointing a board of trustees of such facility, may elect to
17 serve as the board of trustees of such facility. If the county board
18 makes such election, the county board shall assume all the duties and
19 responsibilities of the board of trustees of the facility, including
20 those set forth in sections 23-3504 and 23-3505. Such election shall be
21 evidenced by the adoption of a resolution by the county board.

22 (3)(a) The board of trustees appointed pursuant to this section
23 shall consist of three, five, seven, or nine members as fixed by the
24 county board.

25 (b) When the board is first established:

26 (i) If the county provides for a three-member board, one member
27 shall be appointed for a term of two years, one for four years, and one
28 for six years from the date such member is appointed. Thereafter, as the
29 members' terms expire, members shall be appointed for terms of six years;

30 (ii) If the county board provides for a five-member board, one
31 additional member shall be appointed for four years and one for six

1 years. If the board is changed to a five-member board, the three members
2 who are serving as such trustees at the time of a change from a three-
3 member to a five-member board shall each complete his or her respective
4 term of office. The two additional members shall be appointed by the
5 county board, one for a term of four years and one for a term of six
6 years. Thereafter, as the members' terms expire, members shall be
7 appointed for terms of six years;

8 (iii) If the county board provides for a seven-member board, one
9 additional member shall be appointed for two years and one for four
10 years. If the board is changed to a seven-member board, the three or five
11 members who are serving as such trustees at the time of the change shall
12 each complete his or her respective term of office. The two or four
13 additional members shall be appointed by the county board. If two
14 additional members are appointed, one shall be appointed for four years
15 and one for six years. If four additional members are appointed, one
16 shall be appointed for two years, two for four years, and one for six
17 years. Thereafter, as the members' terms expire, members shall be
18 appointed for terms of six years; and

19 (iv) If the county board provides for a nine-member board, one
20 additional member shall be appointed for two years and one for six years.
21 If the board is changed to a nine-member board, the three, five, or seven
22 members who are serving as such trustees at the time of the change shall
23 each complete his or her respective term of office. The two, four, or six
24 additional members shall be appointed by the county board. If two
25 additional members are appointed, one shall be appointed for two years
26 and one for six years. If four additional members are appointed, two
27 shall be appointed for two years, one for four years, and one for six
28 years. If six additional members are appointed, two shall be appointed
29 for two years, two for four years, and two for six years. Thereafter, as
30 the members' terms expire, members shall be appointed for terms of six
31 years.

1 (4)(a) All members of the board of trustees shall be residents of
2 the county.

3 (b) In any county having a population of more than four ~~three~~
4 hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
5 decennial census, a minimum of one member of the board of trustees shall
6 reside outside the corporate limits of the city in which such facility or
7 facilities are located. In any county having a population of more than
8 four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent
9 federal decennial census, if only one member of the board of trustees
10 resides outside the corporate limits of the city in which the facility is
11 located and the residence of the member is annexed by the city, he or she
12 shall be allowed to complete his or her term of office but shall not be
13 eligible for reappointment.

14 (c) The trustees shall, within ten days after their appointment,
15 qualify by taking the oath of county officers as provided in section
16 11-101 and by furnishing a bond, if required by the county board, in an
17 amount to be fixed by the county board.

18 (d) Any person who has been excluded from participation in a
19 federally funded health care program or is included in a federal
20 exclusionary data base shall be ineligible to serve as a trustee.

21 (5) The board of trustees shall elect a trustee to serve as
22 chairperson, one as secretary, and one as treasurer. The board shall make
23 such elections at each annual board meeting.

24 (6)(a) When a member is absent from three consecutive board
25 meetings, either regular or special, without being excused by the
26 remaining members of the board, his or her office shall become vacant and
27 a new member shall be appointed by the county board to fill the vacancy
28 for the unexpired term of such member pursuant to subdivision (6)(b) of
29 this section.

30 (b) Any member of such board may at any time be removed from office
31 by the county board for any reason. Vacancies shall be filled in

1 substantially the same manner as the original appointments are made. The
2 person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for the
3 unexpired term of the member that he or she has replaced.

4 (7) The county board shall consult with the existing board of
5 trustees regarding the skills and qualifications of any potential
6 appointees to the board pursuant to this section prior to appointing any
7 new trustee.

8 Sec. 14. Section 23-3582, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 23-3582 (1) Whenever the formation of a hospital authority is
11 desired, a petition or petitions stating (a) the general location of the
12 hospital to be maintained by such proposed authority, (b) the territory
13 to be included within it, which territory shall be contiguous, (c) the
14 approximate number of persons believed to reside within the boundaries of
15 the proposed authority, and (d) the names of five or more, but not
16 exceeding eleven, proposed trustees, who shall be electors residing
17 within the boundaries of the proposed authority, to serve as a board of
18 trustees until their successors are appointed and qualified, should the
19 authority be formed, together with a prayer that the same be declared to
20 be a hospital authority under the Hospital Authorities Act may be filed
21 in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the proposed
22 authority is situated.

23 (2)(a) Each hospital authority established in a county having a
24 total population of four ~~three~~ hundred thousand or more, as shown by the
25 most recent federal decennial census, shall encompass an area in which at
26 least forty thousand persons reside, (b) each hospital authority
27 established in a county having a total population of one hundred fifty
28 thousand to four ~~three~~ hundred thousand, as shown by the most recent
29 federal decennial census, shall encompass an area in which at least
30 thirty thousand persons reside, (c) each hospital authority established
31 in a county having a total population of twenty thousand to one hundred

1 fifty thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial census,
2 shall encompass an area in which at least twenty thousand persons reside,
3 and (d) no hospital authority shall be established in any county having a
4 total population of less than twenty thousand, as shown by the most
5 recent federal decennial census, unless the hospital authority
6 encompasses the entire county which it is to serve. Such petitions shall
7 be signed by at least one hundred electors who appear to reside within
8 the suggested boundaries of the proposed authority.

9 Sec. 15. Section 29-902.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 29-902.01 (1) The presiding judge of the county court in each county
12 having a population of four ~~three~~ hundred thousand or more inhabitants as
13 determined by the most recent federal decennial census shall, as often as
14 is necessary, meet and designate on a schedule not less than one judge of
15 the county court to be reasonably available on call for the setting of
16 orders for discharge from actual custody upon bail, the issuance of
17 search warrants, and for such other matters as may be deemed appropriate,
18 at all times when a court is not in session in the county.

19 (2) The officer in charge of a jail, or a person such officer
20 designates, in which an arrested person is held in custody shall assist
21 the arrested person or such person's attorney in contacting the judge on
22 call as soon as possible for the purpose of obtaining release on bail.

23 Sec. 16. Section 32-221, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 32-221 (1) The election commissioner shall appoint precinct and
26 district inspectors, judges of election, and clerks of election to assist
27 the election commissioner in conducting elections on election day. In
28 counties with a population of less than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand
29 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census,
30 judges and clerks of election and inspectors shall be appointed at least
31 thirty days prior to the statewide primary election, shall hold office

1 for terms of two years or until their successors are appointed and
2 qualified for the next statewide primary election, and shall serve at all
3 elections in the county during their terms of office. In counties with a
4 population of four ~~three~~ hundred thousand or more inhabitants as
5 determined by the most recent federal decennial census, judges and clerks
6 of election shall be appointed at least thirty days prior to the first
7 election for which appointments are necessary and shall serve for at
8 least four elections.

9 (2) Judges and clerks of election may be selected at random from a
10 cross section of the population of the county. All qualified citizens
11 shall have the opportunity to be considered for service. All qualified
12 citizens shall fulfill their obligation to serve as judges or clerks of
13 election as prescribed by the election commissioner. No citizen shall be
14 excluded from service as a result of discrimination based upon race,
15 color, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status. No citizen
16 shall be excluded from service unless excused by reason of ill health or
17 other good and sufficient reason.

18 (3) All persons appointed shall be of good repute and character, be
19 able to read and write the English language, and except as otherwise
20 provided in subsection (5) of section 32-223, be registered voters in the
21 county. No candidate at an election shall be appointed as a judge or
22 clerk of election or inspector for such election other than a candidate
23 for delegate to a county, state, or national political party convention.

24 (4) If a vacancy occurs in the office of judge or clerk of election
25 or inspector, the election commissioner shall fill such vacancy in
26 accordance with section 32-223. If any judge or clerk of election or
27 inspector fails to appear at the hour appointed for the opening of the
28 polls, the remaining officers shall notify the election commissioner,
29 select a registered voter to serve in place of the absent officer if so
30 directed by the election commissioner, and proceed to conduct the
31 election. If the election commissioner finds that a judge or clerk of

1 election or inspector does not possess all the qualifications prescribed
2 in this section or if any judge or clerk of election or inspector is
3 guilty of neglecting the duties of the office or of any official
4 misconduct, the election commissioner shall remove the person and fill
5 the vacancy.

6 Sec. 17. Section 32-528, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is
7 amended to read:

8 32-528 (1) In counties having a county board of three commissioners,
9 two commissioners shall be elected at the statewide general election in
10 1994 and each four years thereafter, and one commissioner shall be
11 elected at the statewide general election in 1996 and each four years
12 thereafter. In counties having a county board of five commissioners,
13 three commissioners shall be elected at the statewide general election in
14 1994 and each four years thereafter, and two commissioners shall be
15 elected at the statewide general election in 1996 and each four years
16 thereafter. In counties having a county board of seven or more
17 commissioners, one commissioner shall be elected in each odd-numbered
18 commissioner district at the statewide general election in 1994 and each
19 four years thereafter, and one commissioner shall be elected in each
20 even-numbered commissioner district at the statewide general election in
21 1996 and each four years thereafter.

22 (2) Except for commissioners first elected after the county adopts
23 the commissioner form of government or has increased the number of
24 commissioners, the term of each county commissioner shall be four years
25 or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. At the first
26 election held to choose the board of commissioners in any county having
27 three commissioners, the person having the highest number of votes shall
28 serve for four years and the two receiving the next highest number of
29 votes shall serve for two years, and if any three or more persons have
30 the same number of votes, their terms of office shall be determined by
31 the county canvassing board. The county commissioners shall meet the

1 qualifications found in section 23-150. Nothing in this section shall be
2 construed to prohibit the reelection of a commissioner holding office if
3 the commissioner is reelected to represent his or her respective
4 district. The county commissioners shall be elected on the partisan
5 ballot.

6 (3)(a) In counties having not more than one hundred fifty thousand
7 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census,
8 one commissioner shall be nominated and elected from each district by the
9 registered voters of the district.

10 (b) In counties having a population of more than one hundred fifty
11 thousand but not more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as
12 determined by the most recent federal decennial census, one commissioner
13 shall be nominated and elected from each district by the registered
14 voters of the district as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

15 (c) In counties having more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand
16 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census,
17 one commissioner shall be nominated and elected from each district by the
18 registered voters of the district.

19 (4) In counties in which a majority has voted to have five
20 commissioners as provided in section 23-148, the three commissioners of
21 such county whose terms of office will expire after the election shall
22 continue in office until the expiration of the terms for which they were
23 elected and until their successors are elected and qualified. Two
24 commissioners shall be appointed pursuant to sections 32-567 and 32-574
25 to serve until the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January
26 following the next statewide general election. At the next statewide
27 general election, commissioners shall be elected to fill the positions of
28 any commissioners appointed under this section. At the first primary
29 election after such appointments, filings shall be accepted for terms of
30 two years and for terms of four years so that two commissioners will be
31 elected to four-year terms at one election and three commissioners will

1 be elected to four-year terms at the next election.

2 (5) In counties having more than one hundred fifty thousand but not
3 more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the
4 most recent federal decennial census:

5 (a) At the primary election in 2010, one commissioner shall be
6 nominated from each odd-numbered district, and at the ensuing general
7 election, one commissioner shall be elected from each odd-numbered
8 district. Their successors shall be nominated and elected every four
9 years thereafter; and

10 (b) At the primary election in 2012, one commissioner shall be
11 nominated from each even-numbered district, and at the ensuing general
12 election, one commissioner shall be elected from each even-numbered
13 district. Their successors shall be nominated and elected every four
14 years thereafter.

15 Sec. 18. Section 32-554, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2014, is amended to read:

17 32-554 (1)(a) Any city not under a home rule charter, village,
18 county, or school district nominating and electing members to its
19 governing board at large may, either by majority vote of the governing
20 body or by petition of registered voters pursuant to subsection (2) of
21 this section, submit, at a general election, the question of nominating
22 and electing members to its governing board by district or ward.

23 (b) Any city not under a home rule charter, village, county having
24 not more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by
25 the most recent federal decennial census, or school district nominating
26 and electing members to its governing board by district or ward may,
27 either by majority vote of the governing body or by petition of
28 registered voters pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, submit, at
29 a general election, the question of nominating and electing members to
30 its governing board at large.

31 (c) Any city of the first class, except a city having adopted the

1 commissioner or city manager plan of government, nominating and electing
2 members to its governing body by ward may, either by ordinance by
3 majority vote of the governing body or by petition of registered voters
4 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, submit, at a general
5 election, the question of nominating and electing some of the members to
6 its governing body by ward and some at large. No more than four members
7 of the city council may be elected on an at-large basis, and at least
8 four members of the city council shall be elected by ward. The ordinance
9 of the governing body or petition shall specify the number of at-large
10 members to be elected. At the first election in which one or more at-
11 large members are to be elected to the city council, the members shall be
12 elected to serve for initial terms of office of the following lengths:
13 (i) If one at-large member is to be elected, he or she shall serve for a
14 four-year term; (ii) if two at-large members are to be elected, the
15 candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve
16 for a four-year term and the other elected member shall be elected to
17 serve for a two-year term; (iii) if three at-large members are to be
18 elected, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall
19 be elected to serve for four-year terms and the other elected member
20 shall be elected to serve for a two-year term; and (iv) if four at-large
21 members are to be elected, the two candidates receiving the highest
22 number of votes shall be elected to serve for four-year terms and the
23 other elected members shall be elected to serve for two-year terms.
24 Following the initial term of office, all at-large council members shall
25 be elected to serve for four-year terms. No candidate may file as both an
26 at-large candidate and a candidate by ward at the same election.

27 (2) Petitions for submission of the question shall be signed by
28 registered voters of the city, village, county, or school district
29 desiring to change the procedures for electing the governing board of the
30 city, village, county, or school district. The petition or petitions
31 shall be signed by registered voters equal in number to twenty-five

1 percent of the votes cast for the person receiving the highest number of
2 votes in the city, village, county, or school district at the preceding
3 general election for electing the last member or members to its governing
4 board. Each sheet of the petition shall have printed the full and correct
5 copy of the question as it will appear on the official ballot. The
6 petitions shall be filed with the county clerk or election commissioner
7 not less than seventy days prior to the date of the general election, and
8 no signatures shall be added or removed from the petitions after they
9 have been so filed. Petitions shall be verified as provided in section
10 32-631. If the petition or petitions are found to contain the required
11 number of valid signatures, the county clerk or election commissioner
12 shall place the question on a separate ballot to be issued to the
13 registered voters of the city, village, county, or school district
14 entitled to vote on the question.

15 (3)(a) Any city, village, county, or school district voting to
16 change from nominating and electing the members of its governing board by
17 district or ward to nominating and electing some or all of such members
18 at large shall notify the public and instruct the filing officer to
19 accept the appropriate filings on an at-large basis. Candidates to be
20 elected at large shall be nominated and elected on an at-large basis at
21 the next primary and general election following submission of the
22 question.

23 (b) Any city, village, county, or school district voting to change
24 from nominating and electing the members of its governing board at large
25 to nominating and electing by district or ward shall notify the public
26 and instruct the filing officer to accept all filings by district or
27 ward. Candidates shall be nominated and elected by district or ward at
28 the next primary and general election following submission of the
29 question. When district or ward elections have been approved by the
30 majority of the electorate, the governing board of any city, village,
31 county, or school district approving such question shall establish

1 districts substantially equal in population as determined by the most
2 recent federal decennial census except as provided in subsection (2) of
3 section 32-553.

4 (4) Except as provided in section 14-201, each city not under a home
5 rule charter, village, county, and school district which votes to
6 nominate and elect members to its governing board by district or ward
7 shall establish districts or wards so that approximately one-half of the
8 members of its governing board may be nominated and elected from
9 districts or wards at each election. Districts or wards shall be created
10 not later than October 1 in the year following the general election at
11 which the question was voted upon. If the governing board fails to draw
12 district boundaries by October 1, the procedures set forth in section
13 32-555 shall be followed.

14 Sec. 19. Section 32-555, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:

16 32-555 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if
17 the governing board of any city, village, county, or school district
18 which nominates or elects members to the board by district or ward fails
19 to draw district boundaries by the date established in subsection (1) of
20 section 32-553 or subsection (4) of section 32-554, the county attorney
21 of the county in which the board is located shall file an action in the
22 district court for the purpose of ordering the board to draw district
23 boundaries. If within six months after the receipt of such order the
24 board does not comply, the members of the board shall be subject to
25 removal and the court shall order the Secretary of State to draw district
26 boundaries in accordance with the most recent federal decennial census.
27 Any vacancy resulting from such removal from office shall be filled as
28 provided by law.

29 (2) If the county attorney fails to file the action required by
30 subsection (1) of this section, he or she shall be subject to removal
31 from office. If the county attorney fails to file such action, any

1 citizen within the jurisdiction of the governing board may file the
2 action. The court shall order the board to pay any costs and attorney's
3 fees involved in such action.

4 (3) If an election commissioner required to draw district boundaries
5 for any county having more than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants
6 as determined by the most recent federal decennial census pursuant to
7 sections 23-151 and 32-553 fails to do so, the election commissioner
8 shall be subject to (a) suit by the county attorney for the purpose of
9 ordering the drawing of district boundaries, (b) removal from office
10 pursuant to section 32-214 for failure to comply with an order to draw
11 district boundaries within six months of receipt of such order, and (c)
12 suit by any citizen for the purpose of ordering the drawing of district
13 boundaries and shall be obligated to pay any costs and attorney's fees
14 involved in any such action.

15 (4) If the county board of any county having more than four ~~three~~
16 hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
17 decennial census fails to complete the process of drawing district
18 boundaries as provided for in sections 23-151 and 32-553, the procedures
19 set forth in subdivision (3)(b) of section 23-151 shall be followed.

20 Sec. 20. Section 33-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
21 amended to read:

22 33-114.01 In any county having a population of more than one hundred
23 thousand and less than four ~~three~~ hundred thousand inhabitants as
24 determined by the most recent federal decennial census, when such county
25 has entered into an agreement with the county seat for it to provide the
26 services of its electronic data processing equipment for the purposes of
27 tax collection, the county treasurer shall receive from such city for
28 services provided in the assessment and collection of taxes the amount
29 provided by agreement between the county and such city.

30 Sec. 21. Section 71-1631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
31 amended to read:

1 71-1631 Except as provided in subsection (4) of section 71-1630, the
2 board of health of each county, district, or city-county health
3 department organized under sections 71-1626 to 71-1636 shall, immediately
4 after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of its own
5 members as president, one as vice president, and another as secretary
6 and, either from its own members or otherwise, a treasurer and shall have
7 the power set forth in this section. The board may elect such other
8 officers as it may deem necessary and may adopt and promulgate such rules
9 and regulations for its own guidance and for the government of such
10 health department as may be necessary, not inconsistent with sections
11 71-1626 to 71-1636. The board of health shall, with the approval of the
12 county board and the municipality, whenever a city is a party in such a
13 city-county health department:

14 (1) Select the health director of such department who shall be (a)
15 well-trained in public health work though he or she need not be a
16 graduate of an accredited medical school, but if he or she is not such a
17 graduate, he or she shall be assisted at least part time by at least one
18 medical consultant who shall be a licensed physician, (b) qualified in
19 accordance with the state personnel system, and (c) approved by the
20 Department of Health and Human Services;

21 (2) Hold an annual meeting each year, at which meeting officers
22 shall be elected for the ensuing year;

23 (3) Hold meetings quarterly each year;

24 (4) Hold special meetings upon a written request signed by two of
25 its members and filed with the secretary;

26 (5) Provide suitable offices, facilities, and equipment for the
27 health director and assistants and their pay and traveling expenses in
28 the performance of their duties, with mileage to be computed at the rate
29 provided in section 81-1176;

30 (6) Publish, on or soon after the second Tuesday in July of each
31 year, in pamphlet form for free distribution, an annual report showing

1 (a) the condition of its trust for each year, (b) the sums of money
2 received from all sources, giving the name of any donor, (c) how all
3 money has been expended and for what purpose, and (d) such other
4 statistics and information with regard to the work of such health
5 department as may be of general interest;

6 (7) Enact rules and regulations, subsequent to public hearing held
7 after due public notice of such hearing by publication at least once in a
8 newspaper having general circulation in the county or district at least
9 ten days prior to such hearing, and enforce the same for the protection
10 of public health and the prevention of communicable diseases within its
11 jurisdiction, subject to the review and approval of such rules and
12 regulations by the Department of Health and Human Services;

13 (8) Make all necessary sanitary and health investigations and
14 inspections;

15 (9) In counties having a population of more than four ~~three~~ hundred
16 thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial
17 census, enact rules and regulations for the protection of public health
18 and the prevention of communicable diseases within the district, except
19 that such rules and regulations shall have no application within the
20 jurisdictional limits of any city of the metropolitan class and shall not
21 be in effect until (a) thirty days after the completion of a three-week
22 publication in a legal newspaper, (b) approved by the county attorney
23 with his or her written approval attached thereto, and (c) filed in the
24 office of the county clerk of such county. A county shall comply with
25 this subsection within six months after a determination that the
26 population has reached more than four hundred thousand inhabitants as
27 determined by the most recent federal decennial census;

28 (10) Investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious
29 disease and adopt measures, with the approval of the Department of Health
30 and Human Services, to arrest the progress of the same;

31 (11) Distribute free as the local needs may require all vaccines,

1 drugs, serums, and other preparations obtained from the Department of
2 Health and Human Services or purchased for public health purposes by the
3 county board;

4 (12) Upon request, give professional advice and information to all
5 city, village, and school authorities on all matters pertaining to
6 sanitation and public health;

7 (13) Fix the salaries of all employees, including the health
8 director. Such city-county health department may also establish an
9 independent pension plan, retirement plan, or health insurance plan or,
10 by agreement with any participating city or county, provide for the
11 coverage of officers and employees of such city-county health department
12 under such city or county pension plan, retirement plan, or health
13 insurance plan. Officers and employees of a county health department
14 shall be eligible to participate in the county pension plan, retirement
15 plan, or health insurance plan of such county. Officers and employees of
16 a district health department formed by two or more counties shall be
17 eligible to participate in the county retirement plan unless the district
18 health department establishes an independent pension plan or retirement
19 plan for its officers or employees;

20 (14) Establish fees for the costs of all services, including those
21 services for which third-party payment is available; and

22 (15) In addition to powers conferred elsewhere in the laws of the
23 state and notwithstanding any other law of the state, implement and
24 enforce an air pollution control program under subdivision (23) of
25 section 81-1504 or subsection (1) of section 81-1528, which program shall
26 be consistent with the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401
27 et seq. Such powers shall include without limitation those involving
28 injunctive relief, civil penalties, criminal fines, and burden of proof.
29 Nothing in this section shall preclude the control of air pollution by
30 resolution, ordinance, or regulation not in actual conflict with the
31 state air pollution control regulations.

1 Sec. 22. Original sections 2-955, 8-157, 23-150, 23-151, 23-1723,
2 23-1723.01, 23-1732, 23-2503, 23-2517, 23-2518, 23-3502, 23-3582,
3 29-902.01, 32-221, 32-555, 33-114.01, and 71-1631, Reissue Revised
4 Statutes of Nebraska, section 32-554, Revised Statutes Cumulative
5 Supplement, 2014, and sections 23-148 and 32-528, Revised Statutes
6 Supplement, 2015, are repealed.