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

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Section 1. Section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 2020, is amended to read:

3 13-518 For purposes of sections 13-518 to 13-522:

4 (1) Allowable growth means (a) for governmental units other than 5 community colleges, the percentage increase in taxable valuation in excess of the base limitation established under section 77-3446, if any, 6 7 due to improvements to real property as a result of new construction, additions to existing buildings, any improvements to real property which 8 9 increase the value of such property, and any increase in valuation due to 10 annexation and any personal property valuation over the prior year and (b) for community colleges, the percentage increase in excess of the base 11 limitation, if any, in full-time equivalent students from the second year 12 to the first year preceding the year for which the budget is being 13 determined; 14

(2) Capital improvements means (a) acquisition of real property or
(b) acquisition, construction, or extension of any improvements on real
property;

18 (3) Governing body has the same meaning as in section 13-503;

(4) Governmental unit means every political subdivision which has
authority to levy a property tax or authority to request levy authority
under section 77-3443 except sanitary and improvement districts which
have been in existence for five years or less and school districts;

(5) Qualified sinking fund means a fund or funds maintained separately from the general fund to pay for acquisition or replacement of tangible personal property with a useful life of five years or more which is to be undertaken in the future but is to be paid for in part or in total in advance using periodic payments into the fund. The term includes sinking funds under subdivision (13) of section 35-508 for firefighting and rescue equipment or apparatus;

30 (6) Restricted funds means (a) property tax, excluding any amounts
31 refunded to taxpayers, (b) payments in lieu of property taxes, (c) local

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option sales taxes, (d) motor vehicle taxes, (e) state aid, (f) transfers 1 2 of surpluses from any user fee, permit fee, or regulatory fee if the fee surplus is transferred to fund a service or function not directly related 3 4 to the fee and the costs of the activity funded from the fee, (g) any funds excluded from restricted funds for the prior year because they were 5 budgeted for capital improvements but which were not spent and are not 6 7 expected to be spent for capital improvements, (h) the tax provided in sections 77-27,223 to 77-27,227 beginning in the second fiscal year in 8 9 which the county will receive a full year of receipts, and (i) any excess tax collections returned to the county under section 77-1776. Funds 10 received pursuant to the nameplate capacity tax levied under section 11 77-6203 for the first five years after a renewable energy generation 12 facility has been commissioned are nonrestricted funds; and 13

14 (7) State aid means:

(a) For all governmental units, state aid paid pursuant to sections
60-3,202 and 77-3523 and reimbursement provided pursuant to section
77-1239;

(b) For municipalities, state aid to municipalities paid pursuant to
sections <del>18-2605,</del> 39-2501 to 39-2520, 60-3,190, and 77-27,139.04 and
insurance premium tax paid to municipalities;

(c) For counties, state aid to counties paid pursuant to sections 60-3,184 to 60-3,190, insurance premium tax paid to counties, and reimbursements to counties from funds appropriated pursuant to section 24 29-3933;

(d) For community colleges, state aid to community colleges paid
pursuant to the Community College Aid Act;

(e) For educational service units, state aid appropriated under
sections 79-1241.01 and 79-1241.03; and

(f) For local public health departments as defined in section
71-1626, state aid as distributed under section 71-1628.08.

31 Sec. 2. Section 16-6,108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

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1 2020, is amended to read:

2 16-6,108 The powers granted by sections 16-6,106 to 16-6,109 may be exercised in whole or in part and from time to time as the city council 3 may in its discretion determine but before general obligation bonds are 4 issued for the purposes of sections 16-6,106 to 16-6,109, the city 5 council shall hold a public hearing after three weeks' notice published 6 7 in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in such city, and the referendum provisions of the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act 8 9 sections 18-2501 to 18-2536 shall apply to any ordinance or resolution 10 authorizing issuance of such bonds. The program for implementation of the plan may be adopted and carried out in parts, sections, or stages. 11

12 Sec. 3. Section 18-131, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

14 18-131 Ordinances passed by cities of all classes and villages must
 15 be posted, published in a legal newspaper <u>in or of general circulation in</u>
 16 <u>the respective cities or villages</u>, or published in book or pamphlet form,
 17 as required by their respective charters or general laws.

Sec. 4. Section 18-132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

18-132 (1) The city council of any city or village board of trustees 20 of any village may adopt by ordinance the conditions, provisions, 21 limitations, and terms of a plumbing code, an electrical code, a fire 22 prevention code, a building or construction code, and any other standard 23 24 code which contains rules and regulations printed as a code in book, or pamphlet, or electronic form, by reference to such code, or portions 25 thereof, alone, without setting forth in the ordinance the conditions, 26 provisions, limitations, and terms of such code. When any such code, or 27 portion thereof, has been incorporated by reference into such ordinance, 28 as provided in this section, it shall have the same force and effect as 29 though it had been written in its entirety in such ordinance without 30 further or additional publication thereof. 31

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1 (2) Not less than one copy of such standard code, or portion 2 thereof, shall be kept for use and examination by the public in the 3 office of the city <u>clerk</u> or village clerk prior to the adoption thereof 4 and as long as such standard code is in effect in such city or village.

5 (3) Any building or construction code implemented under this section
6 shall be adopted and enforced as provided in section 71-6406.

7 (4) If there is no ordinance adopting a plumbing code in effect in a 8 city or village, the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code accredited by the 9 American National Standards Institute shall serve as the plumbing code 10 for all the area within the jurisdiction of the city or village. Nothing 11 in this section shall be interpreted as creating an obligation for the 12 city or village to inspect plumbing work done within its jurisdiction to 13 determine compliance with the plumbing code.

14 Sec. 5. Section 18-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 15 2020, is amended to read:

16 18-201 (1) The mayor and <u>city</u> the council of any city or board of 17 trustees of any village, in addition to other powers granted by law, may 18 by ordinance or resolution provide for direct borrowing from a financial 19 institution for the purposes outlined in this section. Loans made under 20 this section shall not be restricted to a single year and may be repaid 21 in installment payments for a term not to exceed seven years.

(2) The mayor and city the council of any city or board of trustees 22 of any village may borrow directly from a financial institution for the 23 24 (a) purchase of real or personal property, (b) construction of 25 improvements, (c) repair or reconstruction of real or personal property, improvements, or infrastructure damaged as a result of a calamity, (d) 26 provision of public services temporarily disrupted or suspended as a 27 28 result of a calamity, or (e) refinancing of existing indebtedness upon a certification in the ordinance or resolution authorizing the direct 29 borrowing that: 30

31 (i) Financing the (A) purchase of real or personal property, (B)

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1 construction of improvements, (C) repair or reconstruction of real or 2 personal property, improvements, or infrastructure damaged as a result of 3 a calamity, (D) provision of public services temporarily disrupted or 4 suspended as a result of a calamity, or (E) refinancing of existing 5 indebtedness through traditional bond financing would be impractical;

6 (ii) Financing the (A) purchase of real or personal property, (B) 7 construction of improvements, (C) repair or reconstruction of real or 8 personal property, improvements, or infrastructure damaged as a result of 9 a calamity, (D) provision of public services temporarily disrupted or 10 suspended as a result of a calamity, or (E) refinancing of existing 11 indebtedness through traditional bond financing could not be completed 12 within the time restraints facing the city or village; or

(iii) Financing the (A) purchase of real or personal property, (B) construction of improvements, (C) repair or reconstruction of real or personal property, improvements, or infrastructure damaged as a result of a calamity, (D) provision of public services temporarily disrupted or suspended as a result of a calamity, or (E) refinancing of existing indebtedness through direct borrowing would generate taxpayer savings over traditional bond financing.

(3) Prior to approving direct borrowing under this section, the <u>city</u>
council or board of trustees shall include in any public notice required
for meetings a clear notation that an ordinance or resolution authorizing
direct borrowing from a financial institution will appear on the agenda.

24 (4)(a) The total amount of indebtedness attributable to any year
25 from direct borrowing under this section shall not exceed:

(i) For <u>any</u> a city of the metropolitan class, city of the primary
class, or city of the first class, ten percent of the municipal budget of
the city; and

(ii) For any city of the second class or village, twenty percent ofthe municipal budget of the city or village.

31 (b) For purposes of this subsection, (i) the amount of any loan

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which shall be attributable to any year for purposes of the limitation on the total amount of indebtedness from direct borrowing is the total amount of the outstanding loan balance divided by the number of years over which the loan is to be repaid and (ii) the amount of indebtedness from any direct borrowing shall only be measured as of the date the ordinance or resolution providing for such direct borrowing is adopted.

7 (5) Prior to approving direct borrowing under this section, a
8 municipality shall consider, to the extent possible, proposals from
9 multiple financial institutions.

10 (6) For purposes of this section:

(a) Calamity means a disastrous event, including, but not limited to, a fire, an earthquake, a flood, a tornado, or other natural event which damages real or personal property, improvements, or infrastructure of a city or village or which results in the temporary disruption or suspension of public services provided by a city or village; and

(b) Financial institution means a state-chartered or federally
chartered bank, savings bank, building and loan association, or savings
and loan association.

Sec. 6. Section 18-305, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-305 It shall be unlawful for any telephone company to furnish to 21 any elected or appointed officer of any city or village in this state<sub> $\tau$ </sub> 22 whether such officer be elective or appointive, a telephone free of 23 24 charge, or for a price less than is charged other customers for similar 25 service, or for any such officer to accept such telephone or telephone service free of charge, or at a less price less than shall be charged to 26 other customers for similar service. Any violation of this section by a 27 28 telephone company shall be a Class III misdemeanor, and the officer or agent of any such telephone company acting or assisting in such violation 29 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Any violation of this section 30 by any officer of any such city or village shall be a Class III 31

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1 misdemeanor,  $\div$  and <u>the officer</u> he or she shall upon conviction forfeit 2 the office held by him or her at the time of committing such offense.

3 Sec. 7. Section 18-306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 18-306 It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation engaged in furnishing in any city or 6 village in this state artificial light, such as electric light, gas 7 light, or light from oil, to furnish light to any elected or appointed 8 9 officer, either elective or appointive, in any city or village in which 10 such person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation is engaged in furnishing such lights, free or for a less price less than is 11 charged other customers in such city or village for similar services. Any 12 13 violation of this section shall be a Class III misdemeanor. Each day any service is furnished or accepted in violation of this section shall be 14 15 considered as a separate offense and punished accordingly.

16 Sec. 8. Section 18-307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 17 amended to read:

18-307 If any elected or appointed officer, either elective or 18 19 appointive in any city or village in this state<sub> $\tau$ </sub> accepts free of charge or for a price less than is charged other customers for similar services 20 in such city or village electric , any light or lights from any lighting 21 22 company or services from any electric utility such lighting company or from any person, partnership, or limited liability company which provides 23 24 electric service in such city or village so engaged, such officer shall 25 be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor and shall also forfeit the office held by him or her at the date of such offense. 26

27 Sec. 9. Section 18-308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

29 18-308 Any water company engaged in furnishing water in any city or 30 village in this state and any person, corporation, partnership, or 31 limited liability company engaged in such services who furnishes to any

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elected or appointed officer, either elective or appointive, in such city 1 2 or village, water free of charge or for a price less than is at the time charged for similar service to other customers in such city or village 3 4 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. If any officer in any such city or village accepts free of charge or for a price less than is 5 charged to other customers in such city or village any of the services 6 mentioned in this section, such officer shall be guilty of a Class III 7 misdemeanor and shall also forfeit the office held by him or her at the 8 9 date of such violation. Each day such service or services are furnished or accepted in violation of this section shall constitute a separate and 10 distinct offense and shall be punished accordingly. 11

12 Sec. 10. Section 18-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

18-309 No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or 14 producing books and papers, in any prosecution under sections 18-305 to 15 18-309, for the reason that the <u>required</u> testimony, documentary or 16 17 otherwise, required of him, may tend to incriminate such person him or subject such person him to a penalty or forfeiture. No ; but no person 18 19 shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which such person 20 he may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, in any 21 22 prosecution under such the provisions of said sections, except that  $\div$ 23  $Provided_r$  no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution for 24 perjury committed in so testifying.

25 Sec. 11. Section 18-310, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-310 <u>The Legislature finds and declares that it is</u> <del>It is hereby</del> 28 <del>declared to be</del> detrimental to good government and the best interests of 29 the state to permit payment to any person, firm, or corporation of fees 30 or compensation in any form, other than regular salaries of duly elected 31 or appointed officers of a city or village, for services rendered to a

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city or village contingent or dependent upon the outcome of any municipal
 election.

3 Sec. 12. Section 18-311, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 18-311 It shall be unlawful for the mayor and city council of any 6 city, or the <u>chairperson</u> <del>chairman</del> and board of trustees of any village, 7 to contract with, retain, or employ any person, firm, or corporation upon 8 the basis that the amount of the fees or compensation to be paid shall be 9 contingent or depend, in whole or in part, upon the outcome of any 10 municipal election.

11 Sec. 13. Section 18-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 12 amended to read:

13 18-401 In all cities, villages, or metropolitan utilities districts owning or operating a waterworks system, sanitary sewerage system, storm 14 sewer system, gas plant, or other public utility plant and in which 15 water, gas, or other public utility is supplied by municipal authority 16 17 for domestic, mechanical, public, or other purposes, or sewage and storm water disposal, or other services furnished, the authorities having 18 19 general charge, supervision, and control of all matters pertaining to the water, gas, or other public utility supplied by any city, village, or 20 metropolitan utilities district, or the furnishing of any public service 21 such as sewage and storm water disposal, shall have the power and 22 authority, whenever they deem it proper and necessary so to do, to create 23 a water main water-main district, gas main district, sanitary sewer 24 25 district, storm water disposal district, or other public utility district, as the case may be, either within or without the corporate 26 limits of the city, village, or metropolitan utilities district political 27 subdivision involved, and to order and cause to be made extensions or 28 enlargements of water mains, sanitary sewers, storm water disposal mains, 29 gas mains, or other public utility service through such public utility 30 district, except that nothing contained in this section shall be 31

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construed as authorizing the creation of any such public utility district
 outside of the corporate limits of a city of the primary class.

3 Sec. 14. Section 18-402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 Any water main district, gas main district, sanitary sewer 18-402 district, storm water disposal district, Such water or gas main districts 6 7 or other public utility district as provided in section 18-401 service districts shall be created by ordinance<sub> $\tau$ </sub> if such public utility district 8 9 is created the power be exercised, by a city or village, or by resolution 10 of the board of directors of a metropolitan utilities district if such public utility district is created by a metropolitan utilities district 11 the body having authority and control over the operation of said 12 13 respective public utilities.

14 Sec. 15. Section 18-403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 15 amended to read:

18-403 Upon the passage of an ordinance or resolution under section 16 17 <u>18-402</u>, as the case may be, creating a water main district, gas main district, sanitary sewer district, storm water disposal district, or 18 other public utility service district or ordering the extension or 19 enlargement of a water main, gas main, or other public utility service 20 through such district, it shall be the duty of the city <u>council</u> or 21 22 village board of trustees council which passed the ordinance or of the board of directors of the metropolitan utilities district other public 23 24 utility authority which passed the such resolution creating such district 25 to cause a notice to be published in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in such city or village the official paper of the city or 26 27 village, as the case may be, or in the principal city within the metropolitan utilities district, addressed generally to the owners of the 28 real estate within such the water main, gas main, or other public utility 29 district, notifying them of the creation of the district and of the 30 ordering of the extension or enlargement of the water main, gas main, or 31

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other public utility service within such district and further notifying the owners of the real estate that they have thirty days from and after such publication to file with such city council, village board of <u>trustees</u>, or board of directors or other public authority, as the case may be, their written protest against the creation of the district and of the extension or enlargement of the water main, gas main, or other public utility service so ordered.

8 Sec. 16. Section 18-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 18-404 If within the thirty days there is filed, as provided in section 18-403, a written protest signed by the record owners of a 11 majority of the foot frontage of taxable property in a water main 12 13 district, gas main district, sanitary sewer district, storm water disposal district, or other public utility such district, then the filing 14 of such protest shall operate as a repeal or rescission of the such 15 ordinance or resolution creating such district, but if no such protest is 16 17 filed within the thirty days, then the city power of the council, village board of trustees, or board of directors or other authority in the 18 19 premises shall be deemed complete, and it shall be its duty to proceed to contract for and on in behalf of such city, village, or metropolitan 20 utilities district for the extension or enlargement of the main or 21 22 utility service so ordered or to make such extension or enlargement-with 23 its own forces.

24 Sec. 17. Section 18-405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

26 18-405 Upon the completion of an extension or enlargement of any 27 water or gas main or other utility service in <u>a water main district, gas</u> 28 <u>main district, sanitary sewer district, storm water disposal district, or</u> 29 <u>other public utility district created pursuant to section 18-401 any such</u> 30 <u>district</u>, the actual cost <u>of such extension or enlargement</u> thereof shall 31 be duly certified to the <u>city</u> council, <u>village board of trustees</u>, or

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board of directors of a such city, village, or metropolitan utilities 1 2 district when done by contract, but when done by utilizing the equipment and employees of any such city, village, or metropolitan utilities 3 4 district, the average cost, based upon the average cost per foot to such city, village, or metropolitan utilities district in the previous 5 calendar year, of installing water or gas distribution mains, as the case 6 may be, shall be thus certified. Such city Thereupon it shall be the duty 7 of such council, village board of trustees, or board of directors shall 8 9 to assess, to the extent of special benefits, the cost, not exceeding the 10 actual cost or average cost, as the case may be, of installing such water main, or gas main, or other utility service, upon all real estate in such 11 12 the district, in proportion to the frontage of the real estate upon the 13 main or utility service. The cost of any such extension or enlargement in excess of the actual or average cost of installing the water main  $\mu$  or gas 14 15 main, or other utility service, as the case may be, heretofore authorized to be assessed and levied against the real estate in such the district 16 17 shall be paid out of the water fund,  $\Theta r$  gas fund, or other utility fund, as the case may be, of such city, village, or metropolitan utilities 18 19 district, if there is such a fund, and if such city or village has no water fund, or gas fund, or other utility fund, then the costs same shall 20 be paid out of the general fund. No real estate in any city, village, or 21 22 metropolitan utilities district shall be subject to more than one special tax assessment for the same extension or enlargement of water mains, or 23 gas mains, or other utility service. 24

Sec. 18. Section 18-406, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
26 2020, is amended to read:

27 18-406 The special assessment provided in section 18-405 shall be 28 paid in ten installments. The first installment, or one-tenth of the 29 assessment, shall become due and delinquent fifty days after the date of 30 levy, and one-tenth of such assessment shall become due and delinquent 31 each year thereafter, counting from the date of levy, for nine years. The

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special assessment shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the rate 1 2 of interest specified in section 45-104.01, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted by the Legislature, prior to delinquency, and at the 3 4 rate specified in section 45-104.01, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted by the Legislature, after delinguency. Prior to the levy of 5 the special assessment as provided in section 18-405, such assessment 6 7 shall be equalized in the same manner as provided by law for the equalization of special assessments levied in the city or village that 8 9 levied such special assessment, or in such cities, such villages, and the 10 city of the metropolitan class within the such metropolitan utilities district that levied such special assessment. 11

12 Sec. 19. Section 18-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

18-407 If a petition is filed, signed by the owners of a majority of 14 the front footage of real estate within <u>a</u> the proposed water or gas main 15 district, gas main district, sanitary sewer district, storm water 16 17 disposal district, or other <u>public</u>utility service district, which petition shall contain the consent of the owners of such the said real 18 19 estate for the installation of gas mains or water mains of sizes designated by the city said council, village board of trustees, or board 20 of directors of a metropolitan utilities district and inserted in such 21 said petition, or of other utility service, then such said water or gas 22 main district, gas main district, sanitary sewer district, storm water 23 24 <u>disposal district</u>, or <u>other public</u> utility service district<sub> $\tau$ </sub> shall be 25 created,  $\frac{1}{7}$  and the entire cost of laying such said water main, or gas main, or other utility service, shall be assessed and collected as 26 27 provided in sections 18-405 to 18-410. The city council, village board of 28 trustees, or board of directors governing body shall have the discretion to deny the formation of the proposed district when the area to be 29 improved has not previously been improved with a water system, sewer 30 system, and grading of streets. If the city council, village board of 31

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<u>trustees</u>, or board of directors governing body should deny a requested district formation, it shall state the grounds for such denial in a written letter to interested parties.

Sec. 20. Section 18-408, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-408 After the levy of a such special assessment tax and the 6 7 extension of such assessment tax upon the tax record against the real estate in such water or gas main district, gas main district, sanitary 8 sewer district, storm water disposal district, or other public utility 9 service district, the city council, village board of trustees, or board 10 of directors of a metropolitan utilities district or other authority 11 having charge, supervision, and control of all matters pertaining to the 12 13 water or gas supply or other utility service of such city, village, or metropolitan utilities district shall have the power to issue or cause to 14 15 be issued against the fund so created special warrants payable out of the funds, which warrants shall be delivered to the contractor in payment of 16 17 the money due him or her under his or her contract for the extension or enlargement of the water or gas main or other utility service, as the 18 19 case may be, to cover the cost for which the special assessments taxes were levied. 20

21 Sec. 21. Section 18-409, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

18-409 The city council, village board of trustees, or board of 23 24 directors of a metropolitan utilities district or other authority in the 25 city, village, or metropolitan utilities district in this state having general charge, supervision, and control of all matters pertaining to the 26 water or gas supply or other utility service of such city, village, or 27 metropolitan utilities district may by resolution elect and determine to 28 proceed under the provisions of sections 18-401 to 18-411 in the matter 29 of ordering and making and causing to be made extensions or enlargements 30 of water or gas mains or other utilities service in such cities, 31

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villages, or metropolitan utilities districts but are not required to do
 so.

3 Sec. 22. Section 18-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 18-410 Any metropolitan utilities district is hereby given power to extend water mains, gas mains, and other utility service under its 6 7 operation and management beyond the corporate limits of the city of the metropolitan class so as to include adjacent territory, sanitary and 8 improvement districts, unincorporated areas, <u>cities</u> towns, or villages, 9 10 even though in an adjoining county or counties, and may create such water main\_districts, gas main\_districts, sanitary sewer districts, storm water 11 disposal districts, and other public utility service districts within 12 13 such adjacent sanitary and improvement districts, unincorporated areas, cities, towns, and villages, even though located in an adjoining county 14 15 or counties. When such water <u>main districts</u> mains, gas <u>main districts</u>, sanitary sewer districts, storm water disposal districts mains, or other 16 17 <u>public</u>utility service districts are created in an adjoining county or counties, the special assessment tax levy in such districts shall be 18 19 certified to the county treasurer of such adjoining county or counties, as the case may be, and shall there be entered of record against the 20 proper real estate so taxed. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer 21 22 of the adjoining county or counties, as the case may be, to collect the assessments taxes and as collected to report and transmit such 23 assessments taxes to the metropolitan utilities district. 24

25 Sec. 23. Section 18-411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-411 Sections 18-401 to 18-410 shall not be construed as a 28 restriction upon the powers of cities<u>, other than a city of not in</u> the 29 metropolitan class<u>, which have adopted or may hereafter adopt a home rule</u> 30 charter under the state Constitution <u>of Nebraska</u> nor as a limitation upon 31 any provision in such charter or any amendments <u>to such charter</u> thereof.

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Sec. 24. Section 18-412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 18-412 Supplemental to any existing law on the subject, and in lieu of the issuance of general obligation bonds<sub>au</sub> or the levy of taxes upon 4 property, as <u>provided</u> by law <u>provided</u>, any city or village within the 5 State of Nebraska may construct, purchase, or otherwise acquire, 6 maintain, extend, or enlarge, an electric light and power plant, 7 distribution system, and transmission lines, and real and personal 8 9 property needed or useful in connection therewith, and pay the cost thereof by pledging and hypothecating the revenue and earnings of any 10 electric light and power plant, distribution system, and transmission 11 lines, owned or to be owned by such city or village. In the exercise of 12 the authority granted in this section, any such city or village may issue 13 and sell revenue bonds or debentures and enter into such contracts in 14 connection therewith as may be proper and necessary. Such revenue bonds 15 or debentures shall be a lien only upon the revenue and earnings of the 16 electric light and power plant, distribution system, and transmission 17 lines owned or to be owned by such city or village. No revenue bonds 18 shall be issued until thirty days' notice of the proposition relating 19 thereto shall have been given by the governing body of such city or 20 village by publication once each week for three successive weeks in a 21 some legal newspaper in or published and of general circulation in such 22 23 city or village, or if no such newspaper is published therein, then by 24 posting in five or more public places in such city or village therein. 25 If, within thirty days after the last publication of such notice or posting thereof, a referendum petition signed by gualified electors of 26 such city or village equal in number to at least twenty percent of the 27 vote cast at the last general municipal election held in such city or 28 village therein shall be filed with the city municipal clerk or village 29 clerk, such bonds shall not be issued until the issuance thereof has been 30 approved by a vote of the electors of such <u>city or village</u> municipality 31

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at any general or special municipal election. If a majority of the voters 1 2 voting on the issue vote against issuing such bonds, the bonds shall not be issued. If no such petitions are filed, the bonds shall be issued at 3 4 the expiration of such thirty-day period. No publication of notice shall 5 be required when revenue bonds are issued solely for the maintenance, extension, or enlargement of any electric generating plant, distribution 6 system, or transmission lines owned by such city or village. The 7 provisions of this section shall not restrict or limit the power or 8 9 authority in the issuance of any such revenue bonds, as authorized by any 10 home rule charter duly adopted by the electors or any city pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. 11

Sec. 25. Section 18-412.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-412.02 If requested to do so at any time hereafter by a city or 14 village, any public power district or public power and irrigation 15 district, formed after May 4, 1945, and providing electrical service at 16 retail to a city of the metropolitan class, owning a distribution system 17 in such city or village and also owning generating plants and 18 transmission lines or both, shall inform the city or village of the 19 minimum price at which the district is permitted to sell that portion of 20 its distribution system within the corporate limits of such city or 21 village to such city or village under the agreements of the district 22 entered into with the holders of obligations issued by such district. For 23 the purposes of this section, the term obligations shall include all 24 25 bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness to the payment of which the revenue from that portion of the distribution system such city or 26 village desires to acquire has been pledged. There shall be allowed as a 27 28 credit upon such minimum price a sum that bears the same proportion thereto as the amount of such obligations that have been paid or redeemed 29 and funded reserves established therefor by the district out of the net 30 revenue from its operation while such city or village was within such 31

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1 district bears to the total amount of such obligations issued by the 2 district since the date of its formation, excluding the amount of such obligations that have been refinanced and including the amount of the 3 4 refinancing obligations. Such city or village shall reimburse the 5 district for any costs necessarily paid by the district to independent engineers to obtain the minimum price under such agreements with the 6 holders of the obligations of the district. At the request of the city or 7 village, the district shall sell and convey that portion of the 8 9 distribution system which is within its corporate limits to the city or village upon payment of such minimum price, and the city or village shall 10 contract to continue to purchase all of its power and energy requirements 11 from the district at least until such time as all obligations of the 12 district outstanding on the date of such sale and conveyance shall have 13 been fully paid and retired or reserves sufficient for the redemption 14 thereof shall have been accumulated, but such transaction shall not be 15 16 consummated nor become effective until thirty days' notice of the transaction shall have been given by the <u>city council or village board of</u> 17 trustees governing body by publication once each week for three 18 successive weeks in some legal newspaper in or published and of general 19 circulation in such city or village, or if no such newspaper is published 20 therein, then by posting in five or more public places in such city or 21 village therein. If, within ninety days after the last publication of 22 such notice or posting thereof, referendum petitions signed by qualified 23 24 electors of such city or village equal in number to at least twenty 25 percent of the vote cast at the last general municipal election held in such city or village therein shall be filed with the city municipal clerk 26 or village clerk, such transaction shall not become effective until it 27 28 has been approved by a vote of the electors of such city or village municipality at any general or special municipal election. If a majority 29 of the voters voting on the issue vote against such transaction, the 30 31 transaction shall not become effective. If no such petitions are filed,

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the transaction shall become effective at the expiration of such ninetyday period. The <u>public</u> power district <u>or public power and irrigation</u> <u>district</u> shall charge fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory rates so adjusted as, in a fair and equitable manner, to confer upon and distribute among its customers the benefits of a successful and efficient operation and conduct of the business of the district.

Sec. 26. Section 18-412.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

9 18-412.07 The Legislature finds and declares that it is It is hereby declared to be in the public interest of the State of Nebraska 10 that cities and villages of this state be empowered to participate 11 jointly or in cooperation with public power districts and public power 12 13 and irrigation districts and other public agencies in the establishment and operation of facilities for the generation or transmission of 14 electric power and energy located within or outside this state in order 15 to achieve economies and efficiencies in meeting the future electric 16 17 energy needs of the people of the State of Nebraska. In furtherance of such need and in addition to but not in substitution for any other powers 18 19 granted cities and villages of this state, each city and village which owns or operates electrical facilities shall have and may exercise its 20 power and authority to plan, finance, acquire, construct, own, operate, 21 22 maintain, improve, and decommission electric generation or transmission facilities located within or outside this state jointly and 23 in 24 cooperation with one or more such <u>public power districts</u>, <u>public power</u> 25 and irrigation districts, other cities or villages of this state which own or operate electrical facilities, municipal corporations, or other 26 27 governmental entities of other states which operate electrical 28 facilities. The powers granted under this section may be exercised with respect to any electric generation or transmission facility jointly with 29 the powers granted under any other provision of sections 18-412.07 to 30 18-412.09 and 70-628.02 to 70-628.04. 31

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Sec. 27. Section 18-412.08, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 The Legislature finds and declares that it is It is 18-412.08 hereby declared to be in the public interest of the State of Nebraska 4 5 that cities and villages of this state be empowered to participate jointly and in cooperation with one or more electric cooperatives or 6 7 electric membership corporations organized under the laws of this state or any other state in the establishment and operation of facilities for 8 9 the generation or transmission of electric power and energy in order to 10 achieve economies and efficiencies in meeting the future electric energy needs of the people of the State of Nebraska. In furtherance of such end 11 and in addition to, but not in substitution for, any other powers granted 12 such cities and villages of this state, each city or village which owns 13 or operates electrical facilities shall have and may exercise such power 14 and authority to plan, finance, acquire, construct, own, operate, 15 maintain, improve, and decommission electric generation or transmission 16 17 facilities located in this state jointly and in cooperation with one or more electric cooperatives or electric membership corporations organized 18 19 under the laws of this state or any other state, and each city or village shall have and may exercise such power and authority with respect to 20 electric generation or transmission facilities located outside this state 21 jointly or in cooperation with one or more electric cooperatives or 22 electric membership corporations organized under the laws of this state 23 24 or any other state. The powers granted under this section may be 25 exercised with respect to any electric generation or transmission facility jointly with the powers granted under any other provisions of 26 sections 18-412.07 to 18-412.09 and 70-628.02 to 70-628.04. 27

28 Sec. 28. Section 18-412.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 29 amended to read:

30 18-412.09 Any city or village participating jointly and in
 31 cooperation with others in an electric generation or transmission

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1 facility may own an undivided interest in such facility and be entitled 2 to the share of the output or capacity of such facility therefrom attributable to such undivided interest. Such city or village may enter 3 4 into an agreement or agreements with respect to each such electric 5 generation or transmission facility with the other participants in such facility therein, and any such agreement shall contain such terms, 6 conditions, and provisions consistent with the provisions of sections 7 18-412.07 to 18-412.10 as the governing body of such city or village 8 9 shall deem to be in the interests of such city or village. The agreement may include, but not be limited to, provision for the construction, 10 operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of such electric generation 11 or transmission facility by any one of the participants, which shall be 12 13 designated in or pursuant to such agreement as agent, on behalf of itself 14 and the other participants or by such other means as may be determined by the participants and provision for a uniform method of determining and 15 allocating among participants costs of construction, 16 operation, maintenance, renewals, replacements, decommissioning, and improvements 17 with respect to such facility. In carrying out its functions and 18 19 activities as such agent with respect to construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of such a facility, including without 20 limitation the letting of contracts therefor, such agent shall be 21 22 governed by the laws and regulations applicable to such agent as a separate legal entity and not by any laws or regulations which may be 23 24 applicable to any of the other participants. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, pursuant to the terms of any 25 such agreement in which or pursuant to which a public power district, or 26 a public power and irrigation district, or a city or village of this 27 28 state shall be designated as the agent thereunder for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of such a facility, each of 29 the participants may delegate its powers and duties with respect to the 30 construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of such 31

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facility to such agent, and all actions taken by such agent in accordance 1 2 with the provisions of such agreement shall be binding upon each of such participants without further action or approval by their respective 3 4 boards of directors or governing bodies. Such agent shall be required to 5 exercise all such powers and perform its duties and functions under such agreement in a manner consistent with prudent utility practice. As used 6 7 in this section, prudent utility practice shall mean any of the practices, methods, and acts at a particular time which, in the exercise 8 9 of reasonable judgment in the light of the facts, including, but not limited to, the practices, methods, and acts engaged in or approved by a 10 significant portion of the electrical utility industry prior thereto, 11 known at the time the decision was made, would have been expected to 12 13 accomplish the desired result at the lowest reasonable cost consistent with reliability, safety, and expedition. Unless specifically contracted 14 otherwise by written agreement, no city or village shall become liable 15 16 for and pay for any costs, expenses, or liabilities attributable to the undivided interest of any other participant in such electric generation 17 or transmission facility, and unless specifically contracted otherwise by 18 written agreement, no funds of such city or village may be used for any 19 such purpose. 20

21 Sec. 29. Section 18-412.10, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

18-412.10 If a city or village proposes to, and during such time as 23 such the city and village shall, plan, finance, acquire, construct, own, 24 operate, maintain, improve, and decommission jointly and in cooperation 25 with others as contemplated by sections 18-412.07 to 18-412.10 facilities 26 for the generation or transmission of electric power and energy located 27 or to be located outside this state, such city or village may comply with 28 all laws of the United States and of the state in which the facilities 29 are or are to be located applicable to such facilities or applicable to 30 any of <u>such</u> the foregoing activities or applicable to the performance of 31

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1 any of such activities across state boundaries or in such state, 2 including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, submitting itself to any governmental body, board, commission, or agency having 3 4 jurisdiction over such facilities or over any of such activities or over 5 the performance of such activities and applying for and carrying out of all licenses, certificates, or other approvals required by such laws in 6 7 order to enable the city or village to carry out the provisions of sections 18-412.07 to 18-412.10. 8

9 Sec. 30. Section 18-413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

18-413 Any city or village in this state erecting, constructing, or 11 maintaining a system of waterworks, or part of a system of waterworks, 12 outside without its corporate limits, is hereby granted the right-of-way 13 14 along any of the public roads of the state, along any of the streets and alleys of any village or city or village within the state, and over and 15 16 through any of the lands which are the property of the state, for the 17 laying, constructing, and maintaining of water mains, conduits, and aqueducts for the purpose of transporting or conveying water from such 18 19 system of waterworks, or part of such system of waterworks, to such city or village erecting the same. Such city or village is hereby granted such 20 right-of-way for the further purpose of erecting and maintaining all 21 22 necessary poles, and wires, or conduits, for the purpose of transporting, 23 transmitting, or conveying electric current from such city or village to 24 such system of waterworks, or part of such system of waterworks, for power and light purposes. In ; Provided, however, that such city in 25 constructing such water mains, conduits, and aqueducts for transporting 26 water<sub> $\tau$ </sub> and such poles, wires, and conduits for transmitting electric 27 28 current along the streets or alleys of any other city or village, such city or village as aforesaid, shall construct and locate the same in 29 accordance with existing ordinances of such other village or city or 30 village pertaining thereto<sub> $\tau$ </sub> and shall be liable for any damage caused 31

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thereby. Such ; provided further, that poles and wires shall be
 constructed so as not to interfere with the use of the public roadway,
 and <u>such said</u> wires shall be placed at a height not less than twenty feet
 above all road crossings.

5 Sec. 31. Section 18-501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 18-501 (1) Any city or village in this state is hereby authorized to own, construct, equip, and operate, either within or without the 8 9 corporate limits of such city or village municipality, a sewerage system, 10 including any storm sewer system or combination storm and sanitary sewer system, and plant or plants for the treatment, purification, and disposal 11 in a sanitary manner of the liquid and solid wastes, and sewage, and 12 13 night soil of such city or village municipality or to extend or improve any existing storm <u>sewer system</u>, <del>or</del> sanitary sewer system, or combination 14 15 storm and sanitary sewer system.

(2) Any city or village shall have authority to acquire by gift,
 grant, purchase, or condemnation necessary lands <u>for the construction of</u>
 <u>a sewerage system</u> <del>therefor</del>, either within or without the corporate limits
 of such <u>city or village</u> <del>municipality</del>.

(3) For the purpose of owning, operating, constructing, maintaining, 20 21 and equipping <u>a</u> such sewage disposal plant and sewerage system, including 22 any storm sewer system or combination storm and sanitary sewer system, referred to in subsections (1), (2), and (4) of this section, or 23 24 improving or extending such existing system, any city or village is 25 authorized and empowered to make a special levy of not to exceed three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value 26 27 of all the taxable property within any such city or village municipality. The proceeds of the tax may be used for any of the purposes enumerated in 28 this section and for no other purpose. 29

30 (4) In the event the present or proposed sewage disposal system of31 any city or village does not comply with the provisions of any other law

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relating to sewer systems, sewage disposal, or water pollution, such city or village shall levy each year a tax of seven cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation for such purpose until sufficient funds are available for the financing of a system in compliance with law. In the event any city or village is otherwise raising funds for such purpose, equivalent to such a levy, <u>such city or village</u> it shall not be required, in addition thereto, to make such levy.

8 Sec. 32. Section 18-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

10 18-502 For the purpose of owning, operating, constructing, and equipping a such sewage disposal plant or sewerage system or improving or 11 extending such existing system as provided in section 18-501, a city or 12 village municipality may issue revenue bonds therefor. Such revenue 13 bonds, as provided in this section, shall not impose any general 14 liability upon the city or village municipality but shall be secured only 15 16 by the revenue as hereinafter provided of such utility as provided in section 18-504. Such revenue bonds shall be sold for not less than par 17 and bear interest at a rate set by the governing body city council. The 18 amount of such revenue bonds, either issued or outstanding, shall not be 19 included in computing the maximum amount of bonds which such city or 20 village the said municipality may be authorized to issue under its 21 22 charter or any statute of this state.

Sec. 33. Section 18-503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

25 18-503 The governing body of <u>a city or village which owns</u>, 26 <u>constructs, equips, or operates a sewage disposal plant or sewerage</u> 27 <u>system pursuant to section 18-501</u> <del>such municipality</del> may make all 28 necessary rules and regulations governing the use, operation, and control 29 <u>of such system thereof</u>. The governing body may establish just and 30 equitable rates or charges to be paid to it for the use of such disposal 31 plant and sewerage system by each person, firm, or corporation whose

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premises are served <u>by such system thereby</u>. If the service charge so established is not paid when due, such sum may be recovered by the <u>city</u> <u>or village municipality</u> in a civil action, or it may be certified to the tax assessor and assessed against the premises served, and collected or returned in the same manner as other municipal taxes are certified, assessed, collected, and returned.

Sec. 34. Section 18-504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-504 (1) Revenue bonds which are issued, as provided in section 10 18-502, shall not be a general obligation of the <u>city or village</u> 11 <del>municipality</del>, but shall be paid only out of the revenue received from the 12 service charges as provided in section 18-503.

(2) If a service rate is charged, as a part of the revenue, as provided in subsection (1) of this section, to be paid as herein provided in this section, such portion of such rate thereof as may be deemed sufficient shall be set aside as a sinking fund for the payment of the interest on such revenue said bonds, and the principal of such revenue bonds thereof at maturity.

(3) It shall be the duty of the governing body of the city or 19 village municipality to charge rates for the service of the sewerage 20 system, as referred to in subsection (1) of this section, which shall be 21 sufficient, at all times, to pay the cost of operation and maintenance of 22 such system thereof and to pay the principal of and interest upon all 23 24 revenue bonds issued, under the provisions of section 18-502, and to 25 carry out any covenants that may be provided in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of any such bonds. 26

(4) The holders of any of the revenue bonds or any of the coupons of any revenue bonds, issued under subsection (1) of this section, in any civil action, mandamus, or other proceeding may enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by this section and the covenants made by the <u>city or village</u> municipality in the ordinance providing for the

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issuance of such bonds, including the making and collecting of sufficient
 rates or charges for the specified purposes and for the proper
 application of the income therefrom.

Sec. 35. Section 18-505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-505 For the purpose of providing for a such sewage disposal plant 6 7 and sewerage system, or improving or extending such existing system, any city or village such municipality may also enter into a contract with any 8 9 corporation organized under or authorized by the laws of this state to 10 engage in such the business herein mentioned, to receive and treat in the manner provided in sections 18-501 to 18-510 hereinbefore mentioned, the 11 sewage of such system and night soil thereof, and to construct, and 12 13 provide the facilities and services as provided in section 18-501 hereinbefore described. Such contract may also authorize the corporation 14 to charge the owners of the premises served such a service rate therefor 15 16 as the governing body of such city or village municipality may determine 17 to be just and reasonable, or the <u>city or village</u> municipality may 18 contract to pay such the said corporation a flat rate for such service, 19 and pay therefor out of its general fund or the proceeds of any tax levy applicable to the purposes of such contract, or assess the owners of the 20 property served a reasonable charge for such service therefor to be 21 22 collected as hereinbefore provided in section 18-503 and paid into a fund to be used to defray such contract charges. 23

24 Sec. 36. Section 18-506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-506 For the purpose of owning, operating, constructing, and equipping any sewage disposal plant and any sanitary or storm sewer system or combination storm and sanitary sewer system, or improving or extending such existing system, or for the purpose stated in sections 18-501 to 18-505, any <u>city or village</u> such municipality is also authorized and empowered to issue and sell the general obligation bonds

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of such <u>city or village</u> municipality upon compliance with the provisions 1 2 of section 18-506.01. Such bonds shall not be sold or exchanged for less than the par value thereof and shall bear interest which shall be payable 3 4 annually or semiannually. The governing body of any such city or village 5 municipality shall have the power to determine the denominations of such bonds, and the date, time, and manner of the payment thereof. The amount 6 of such general obligation bonds, either issued or outstanding, shall not 7 be included in the maximum amount of bonds which any such city or village 8 9 municipality may be authorized to issue and sell under its charter or any statutes of this state. 10

11 Sec. 37. Section 18-506.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 12 amended to read:

18-506.01 Revenue bonds, authorized by section 18-502, may be issued 13 by ordinance duly passed by the mayor and city council of any city or the 14 board of trustees of any village without any other authority. General 15 obligation bonds, authorized by section 18-506, may be issued only after 16 the question of their issuance shall have been submitted to the electors 17 of such the city or village at a general or special election, of which 18 three weeks' notice thereof has been published in a legal newspaper 19 published in or of general circulation in such city or village, and more 20 than a majority of the electors voting at the election have voted in 21 22 favor of the issuance of <u>such</u> the bonds.

23 Sec. 38. Section 18-507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read:

18-507 Whenever the governing body of any city or village shall have ordered the installation of a sewerage system and sewage disposal plant or the improvement or extension of an existing system, the fact that such order was issued shall be recited in the official minutes of the governing body. The <u>governing said</u> body shall <del>thereupon</del> require that plans and specifications be prepared of such sewerage system and sewage disposal plant, or such improvement or extension. Upon approval of such

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plans, the governing body shall thereupon advertise for sealed bids for the construction of <u>such said</u> improvements once a week for three weeks in a legal <u>newspaper paper</u> published in or of general circulation within <u>such city or village said municipality</u>, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

6 Sec. 39. Section 18-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is7 amended to read:

18-508 The owner of any sewerage system or sewage disposal plant, 8 9 provided for in sections 18-501 to 18-507, or the city or village in 10 which such system or plant is located municipality, is hereby authorized to extend such system or plant the same beyond the corporate limits of 11 the city or village which it serves, under the same conditions as nearly 12 13 as may be as within the such corporate limits of such city or village and to charge to users of its services reasonable and fair rates consistent 14 with those charged or which might be charged within such corporate limits 15 and consistent with the expense of extending and maintaining such system 16 17 or plant the same for the users thereof outside such corporate limits at a fair return to the owner thereof. The mayor and city council of any 18 city or the board of trustees of any village shall have authority to 19 enter into contracts with users of such sewerage system or sewage 20 disposal plant, except that ; Provided, no contract shall call for 21 22 furnishing of such service for a period in excess of twenty years.

Sec. 40. Section 18-509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

18-509 (1) The mayor and city council of any city or the board of trustees of any village, in addition to other sources of revenue available to the city or village, may by ordinance set up a rental or use charge, to be collected from users of any system of sewerage, and provide methods for collection <u>of such rental or use charge thereof</u>. The charges shall be charged to each property served by the sewerage system, shall be a lien upon the property served, and may be collected either from the

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1 owner or the person, firm, or corporation requesting the service.

2 (2) All money raised from the charges<sub> $\tau$ </sub> referred to in subsection (1) of this section  $\tau$  shall be used for maintenance or operation of the 3 existing system of sewerage, for payment of principal and interest on 4 5 bonds issued as is provided for in section 17-925, 18-502, 18-506, or 19-1305, or to create a reserve fund for the purpose of future 6 7 maintenance or construction of a new sewer system for the city or village. Any funds raised from this charge shall be placed in a separate 8 9 fund and not be used for any other purpose or diverted to any other fund. Sec. 41. Section 18-510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 10 amended to read: 11

18-510 The terms sewage system, sewerage system, and disposal plant 12 13 or plants as used in sections 18-501 to 18-511 herein are defined to mean and include any system or works above or below ground which has for its 14 15 purpose any or all of the following: The removal, discharge, conduction, carrying, treatment, purification, or disposal of the liquid and solid 16 17 waste and night soil of a city or village municipality. It is intended that sections 18-501 to 18-512 may be employed in connection with sewage 18 projects which do not include the erection or enlargement of a sewage 19 20 disposal plant.

21 Sec. 42. Section 18-511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

18-511 <u>Sections 18-501 to 18-512</u> The provisions of Chapter 18, article 5, shall be <u>construed as</u> independent, <u>supplemental</u>, of and in addition to any other provisions of the laws of the State of Nebraska relating with reference to sewage disposal plants and sewerage systems in cities and villages. <u>Such sections</u> The provisions of this article shall not be considered amendatory of or limited by any other provision of the laws of the State of Nebraska.

30 Sec. 43. Section 18-512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-512 For the purpose of creating a fund out of which anti-2 pollution-of-water measures may be financed, any city or village in this 3 state is hereby authorized and empowered to make a special levy of not 4 exceeding three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars upon 5 the taxable value of all the taxable property within <del>any</del> such <u>city or</u> 6 <u>village municipality</u>, the proceeds <u>of such levy thereof</u> to be used for 7 such measures <u>purpose</u>.

8 Sec. 44. Section 18-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2020, is amended to read:

10 18-601 Any city or village shall have power by ordinance to avail itself of federal funds for the construction within the city or village 11 limits of subways, viaducts, and approaches thereto, over or under 12 13 railroad tracks, and may authorize agreements with the Department of Transportation to construct such viaducts or subways or viaducts, which 14 shall be paid for out of funds furnished by the federal government. Such 15 16 The ordinance shall approve detailed plans and specifications for such 17 construction, including a map showing the exact location that such viaduct or subway or viaduct is to occupy, which shall then and 18 19 thereafter be kept on file with the city <u>clerk</u> or village clerk and be open to public inspection. The ordinance shall make provision for the 20 assumption of liability and payment of consequential damages to property 21 owners resulting from such proposed construction and payment of damages 22 23 for property taken therefor. The procedure to condemn property shall be 24 exercised in the manner set forth in sections 76-704 to 76-724.

25 Sec. 45. Section 18-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-602 Grade crossing projects <u>within the boundaries of a</u> 28 <u>municipality</u> shall be undertaken on a basis that will impose no 29 involuntary contributions on the affected railroads except as provided by 30 <u>23 U.S.C. 130(b) and (c)</u> section 5(b) of Public Law 521 enacted by the 31 78th Congress of the United States, and any amendments thereof, and shall

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not interfere with the use of present railroad tracks without the consent
 of such railroads.

Sec. 46. Section 18-603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-603 Any Such city or village that constructs subways or viaducts
as provided in section 18-601 may appropriate an existing street or
highway for such subway or viaduct therefor, and may acquire, extend,
widen, or enlarge any street or highway for such purpose.

9 Sec. 47. Section 18-604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

18-604 When it shall become necessary to appropriate or damage any 11 private property for the construction of <u>a</u> such viaduct or subway <u>as</u> 12 13 provided in section 18-601, such appropriation shall be made by ordinance. Such Said ordinance to be headed Viaduct Ordinance shall be 14 15 published once each week for three weeks issues in a legal daily or weekly newspaper published in or of general circulation in such city or 16 17 village and of general circulation therein. Such Said publication shall be sufficient notice to the owners, occupants, and parties interested, 18 and all parties having equitable interests therein. 19

20 Sec. 48. Section 18-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 21 amended to read:

22 18-610 The original ordinance authorizing construction of subways or viaducts as provided in section 18-601 shall also give notice of an 23 24 election to authorize issuance of bonds, for such amount as may be 25 necessary to pay for such right-of-way and damages. A majority of those voting shall be sufficient to carry authority to issue bonds, as herein 26 27 provided in sections 18-610 to 18-612 for. A failure to approve the issue of bonds shall cancel all proceedings, except that in that event, the 28 city or village shall pay the cost of survey and preparation of plans and 29 specifications that have been filed, and may levy a tax for that purpose. 30 Sec. 49. Section 18-611, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31

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1 amended to read:

2 18-611 Upon approval of the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 18-610, a Such city or village may, without further vote of the electors, 3 4 issue negotiable bonds in such amount as may be needed to pay for such acquiring, extension, or enlargement of any street or highway, and the 5 amount of damages that may accrue by the appropriation thereof and 6 7 construction of viaducts such viaduct or subways pursuant to section 18-601 subway. Such Said bonds shall draw interest and may be sold at not 8 9 less than par, and shall be payable in annual installments over a period 10 of not to exceed twenty years, and shall be subject to retirement at the option of the city or village at any time after five years. Such Said 11 bonds shall be payable out of the general fund, and the city or village 12 13 shall annually make a levy and an appropriation for the payment of interest and the installment of the principal. 14

Sec. 50. Section 18-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 18-612 On the approval of <u>a such bond issue pursuant to section</u> 18 <u>18-610</u> by the electors, the mayor and <u>city</u> council or <u>village</u> board of 19 trustees shall be vested with all the powers provided for them in 20 sections 18-601 to 18-614, without <u>such powers</u> the same having been 21 specifically mentioned in <u>the</u> said ordinance <u>authorizing construction of</u> 22 subways and viaducts pursuant to section 18-601.

Sec. 51. Section 18-613, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

25 18-613 The Department of Transportation shall be authorized to enter 26 into contracts for the construction of <u>viaducts</u> such viaduct or <u>subways</u> 27 subway, in accordance with such plans and specifications\_approved under 28 <u>section 18-601</u>, immediately upon the approval by the voters of <u>the</u> 29 <u>issuance</u> such issuing of bonds\_under section 18-610.

30 Sec. 52. Section 18-614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-614 In lieu of, or in addition to, the issuance of bonds<u>under</u> 2 <u>section 18-610</u>, the city council or <u>village</u> board of trustees may issue 3 warrants for the payment of damages, and levy taxes, if necessary, to 4 provide funds for their payment, or may temporarily borrow any funds in 5 the treasury belonging to any other fund, for the purpose of making the 6 payments <u>required</u> <u>under</u> <u>sections</u> <u>18-601</u> to <u>18-615</u> <u>herein</u> <u>required</u>, 7 restoring such funds within a reasonable time.

8 Sec. 53. Section 18-617, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

10 18-617 Whenever the governing body of any city or village within the state believes the construction of a viaduct over or subway under the 11 track or tracks of any railroad within its corporate limits is necessary 12 for the public safety, convenience, and welfare, such governing body it 13 shall pass a resolution so declaring. The Thereafter such governing body 14 shall publish a notice of the passage of such said resolution six 15 consecutive days in a legal newspaper published in or of general 16 17 circulation in such said city or village or, if there is be no such daily <u>legal</u> newspaper, then two consecutive weeks in a weekly <u>legal</u> newspaper 18 published in or of general circulation in such city or village therein. 19 The notice of the passage of <u>such</u> said resolution, published as 20 aforesaid, shall include an exact copy of the resolution same. 21

22 Sec. 54. Section 18-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:

24 18-618 After the passage and publication of a said resolution as provided in section 18-617, a said city or village shall have authority 25 to enter into contracts and agreements with any railroad company or 26 companies over or under whose railroad a viaduct or subway such structure 27 is to be constructed providing for the construction and maintenance of 28 such viaduct or subway and for the apportionment of the costs thereof. 29 <u>Such</u> ; Provided, such agreement or contract shall not be effective nor 30 shall any work be commenced until after such matter is submitted to a 31

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vote of the electors as hereinafter provided in section 18-623.

Sec. 55. Section 18-619, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

4 18-619 If no agreement can be reached between a said city or village and a the railroad company or companies for such construction or the 5 division of the costs thereof as provided in section 18-618, the city or 6 7 village shall file <u>a</u> complaint by <u>the city</u> its attorney <u>or village</u> attorney with the city clerk or village clerk on behalf of such city or 8 9 village. The complaint It shall allege therein (1) the passage of the 10 resolution hereinbefore referred to in section 18-617, (2) the location of the proposed viaduct or subway, (3) any facts which may show or tend 11 to show why the proposed improvement is necessary for the public safety, 12 13 convenience, and welfare, (4) that the city or village and the railroad company or companies are unable to agree as to the construction or the 14 division of the cost thereof, and (5) asking the city or village 15 governing body to make an order relative to such construction and 16 17 apportioning the cost thereof between the railroad company or companies and the city or village other public authority. A copy of such said 18 19 complaint shall be served upon the railroad company or companies affected. Thereafter, within a reasonable time to be fixed by the 20 governing body, such said railroad company or companies shall file with 21 the city <u>clerk</u> or village clerk plans and specifications for such viaduct 22 or subway requested in such said petition, together with an estimate by 23 24 such railroad or railroads of the cost of construction and maintenance 25 thereof.

26 Sec. 56. Section 18-620, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

18-620 Upon the filing of <u>a</u> such complaint and after the filing of plans and specifications as provided in section 18-619, the governing body shall fix a time for hearing <u>such</u> said complaint and give notice thereof to the railroad company or companies. At the time so fixed the

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1 governing body shall sit as a board of equalization and assessment and at 2 such said hearing shall receive and hear such evidence as may be offered on the question of whether public safety, convenience, and welfare 3 4 require the construction of such said viaduct or subway, whether or not the cost of such viaduct or subway thereof will exceed the benefits to be 5 derived therefrom, and evidence on the question of the extent to which 6 7 such said railroad company or companies and the public will be respectively benefited by the construction of such viaduct or subway 8 9 thereof.

Sec. 57. Section 18-621, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-621 Upon the conclusion of the hearing provided for in section 12 13 18-620, the said governing body, as a board of equalization, shall make an order determining: (1) Whether or not the construction of the said 14 viaduct or subway is necessary for the public safety, convenience, and 15 welfare; (2) whether or not the cost of such viaduct or subway thereof 16 17 will exceed the benefits to be derived therefrom; and (3) the proportion of the total benefits from the construction of such viaduct or subway 18 thereof to be derived by the public and by the railroad company or 19 companies respectively and shall apportion the cost of construction and 20 maintenance of such viaduct or subway structure in the proportions found 21 and shall apportion to the city or village and the railroad company or 22 companies respectively such proportion of the cost of construction and 23 24 maintenance of such viaduct or subway structure as the governing body 25 board shall find the public and railroad company or companies are respectively benefited. Such Said order shall include the governing 26 body's estimate of the cost of the proposed viaduct or subway including 27 the cost of approaches and damages caused to any property by construction 28 thereof. A copy of <u>such</u> <del>said</del> order together 29 with the plans, specifications, and estimates made therein shall be signed by the 30 presiding officer and a majority of the members of the governing said 31

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body who concur therein, and filed with the city clerk <u>or village clerk</u> and a copy thereof served on the railroad company or companies, parties thereto. If the governing body shall find that construction of such viaduct or subway is not necessary for public safety, convenience, or welfare or that the cost thereof exceeds the benefits to be derived therefrom, it shall dismiss <u>such said</u> petition.

Sec. 58. Section 18-622, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-622 If any railroad company\_is , party to said proceedings, shall 10 be dissatisfied with an said order issued as provided in section 18-621, such company it may appeal such order therefrom to the district court in 11 12 the county in which such said city or village is situated. Such appeal shall be perfected by the railroad company filing, with the city clerk or 13 village clerk of such said city or village within ten days after such 14 said order is served upon it, a written notice of its intention to appeal 15 therefrom. Within twenty days after the filing of such notice of appeal, 16 17 the city clerk or village clerk shall file with the clerk of the district 18 court of such said county a transcript containing the complaint and the order appealed from together with such other documents as may have been 19 filed in <u>such</u> said proceedings. The railroad company appealing shall pay 20 to the city clerk or village clerk the cost of preparing such transcript. 21 22 Upon such appeal the district court, without jury, shall hear and determine de novo all of the issues determined by the governing body said 23 24 board except the question of whether or not the construction of such said 25 viaduct or subway is necessary for the public safety, convenience, and welfare. The Said court shall hear and determine such an appeal promptly 26 27 and speedily, and the court's . Its decision shall be subject to review by appeal or otherwise as other judgments of the district court are 28 reviewable. 29

30 Sec. 59. Section 18-623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-623 The governing body of a any such city or village shall, after 2 agreeing with a such railroad company or companies as provided in section 18-618 or after an order, other than one of dismissal, of the governing 3 4 body, sitting as a board of equalization as provided in sections 18-620 5 to 18-622, at the next general election or at a special election called for the purpose, submit to the electors of the said city or village the 6 7 question of whether such city or village or city and said railroad company or companies shall construct and maintain a viaduct or subway in 8 9 accordance with any agreement made or in accordance with the order of the 10 governing body of such city or village, and whether such city or village shall have the power to levy taxes or borrow money and pledge the 11 property and credit of such said city or village upon its negotiable 12 13 bonds to pay its proportion of all costs connected therewith. The ballot shall contain concise statements, to be prepared by the city attorney or 14 15 village attorney, of the original ordinance declaring the necessity and, 16 if such viaduct or subway said structure is to be constructed under the 17 provisions of any agreement, a concise statement of the provisions of the agreement or, if it is to be constructed by virtue of an order of the 18 19 governing body, a concise statement of such said order, and in any instance a statement of the estimated amount of the costs of the 20 construction and maintenance of such viaduct or subway said structure, 21 including the cost of acquisition of or damage to property to be borne by 22 23 such said city or village and the method by which the said share of such 24 costs of such city or village is to be obtained. The city or village may, 25 at its option, proceed with such said election notwithstanding the pendency of any appeal of any railroad company as hereinbefore provided 26 in section 18-622. 27

28 Sec. 60. Section 18-624, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 29 amended to read:

30 18-624 If a majority of those voting on the proposition of the
 31 construction of <u>a</u> said viaduct or subway approve <u>such construction</u> the

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same by their vote, the governing body of <u>the</u> any such city or village shall have the power to levy taxes, borrow money, and pledge the property and credit of <u>such</u> said city or village upon its negotiable bonds in an amount not exceeding its proportion of the aggregate cost of the construction and maintenance of such viaduct or subway, and to pay for the acquisition of or damage to property by reason of such construction.

Sec. 61. Section 18-625, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-625 If the construction of a viaduct or subway is approved by the electors as hereinbefore provided in section 18-624, the governing body 10 of the such city or village shall (1) by resolution approve the detailed 11 plans and specifications for such construction, including a map showing 12 the exact location of such viaduct or subway, (2) by resolution make 13 provision for the assumption of liability, the payment of consequential 14 15 damages to property owners resulting from such proposed construction, and the payment of damages for property taken therefor, and (3) award and pay 16 17 damages as provided in sections 76-704 to 76-724.

Sec. 62. Section 18-626, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-626 <u>A Such</u> city or village <u>constructing a viaduct or subway as</u>
 <u>provided in sections 18-617 to 18-636</u> may appropriate any existing street
 or highway therefor and may acquire, extend, widen, or enlarge any street
 or highway for such purpose.

24 Sec. 63. Section 18-627, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-627 When it shall become necessary to appropriate or damage any private property for the construction of <u>a such</u> viaduct or subway<u>as</u> <u>provided in sections 18-617 to 18-636</u>, such appropriation shall be made by resolution. The resolution <del>to be headed Viaduct Resolution</del> shall be published once each week for three weeks in a <u>legal</u> <del>daily or weekly</del> newspaper published in <u>or of general circulation in</u> such city or village

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or in general circulation therein. The publication shall be sufficient notice to the owners, occupants, and parties interested, and all parties having equitable interest therein. The procedure to condemn property shall be exercised in the manner set forth in sections 76-704 to 76-724.

5 Sec. 64. Section 18-633, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 18-633 When any viaduct or subway construction such project has been agreed to or when the division of costs has been otherwise finally 8 9 determined and when such proposal has been approved by a vote as provided 10 in sections 18-617 to 18-636 all in the manner heretofore provided, the railroad company or companies affected shall within ten days' notice or 11 demand deposit with the <u>city</u> treasurer or village treasurer of the 12 13 governing body the amount of its proportionate share so determined. The district court is hereby given jurisdiction upon the application of the 14 governing body of the <u>city or village</u> municipality to compel such deposit 15 by mandamus together with such penalties as may be found and deemed 16 17 reasonable by the court.

18 Sec. 65. Section 18-634, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 19 amended to read:

18-634 After <u>a</u> such city or village has made provisions for 20 financing its proportionate share of the costs and has complied with the 21 22 provisions of sections 18-617 to 18-636, and the provisions of section 18-633 have been complied with, such city or village it shall proceed to 23 24 construct, in accordance with plans and specifications previously approved, the such viaduct or subway, or such city or village is hereby 25 authorized to contract for such construction in accordance with such 26 27 plans and specifications. Any such contract shall be let as provided by 28 law.

29 Sec. 66. Section 18-635, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31 18-635 Nothing in sections 18-617 to 18-636 shall modify, change, or

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abrogate any obligation of any railroad company or companies to maintain,
 reconstruct, or keep in repair any viaduct or subway <u>previously</u>
 <del>heretofore</del> built or any replacement <u>of such viaduct or subway</u> thereof
 under any agreement, statute, or ordinance previously in effect.

5 Sec. 67. Section 18-636, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 18-636 Sections Nothing in sections 18-617 to 18-636 shall be construed to repeal or amend any statute except those statutes 8 9 hereinafter specifically repealed, but shall be construed as independent, 10 supplemental, and in addition to any other laws of the State of Nebraska relating to the elimination of grade crossings, and shall be deemed 11 additional thereto, and as an independent act to provide the entire 12 13 facilities, and expenditures necessary to accomplish the powers, elimination of grade crossings in the manner provided herein specified. 14 No other provision of law statute shall be effectual as a limitation upon 15 16 the powers or proceedings herein contained in such sections, but other 17 provisions of law . Other statutes may be relied upon, if need be, to supplement and effectuate the purposes of such sections herein contained. 18 Sec. 68. Section 18-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 19

20 amended to read:

18-1001 The Legislature hereby declares the public policy of the 21 22 State of Nebraska to be that the acquisition of real estate sites for the construction of state armories within the corporate limits of cities or 23 24 villages for the uses and purposes of the Nebraska National Guard and 25 State Guard is a matter of general state concern and that the use of such said sites is a state use and not a city, village, or local use. One of 26 the corporate purposes of all cities and villages is hereby declared to 27 28 be to acquire real estate sites within their corporate limits and to convey such sites the same without consideration to the State of Nebraska 29 for the uses and purposes of the Nebraska National Guard and State Guard, 30 as provided in sections 18-1002 to 18-1005. Notwithstanding any more 31

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general or special law respecting armories in force and effect in this 1 2 state, the local governing bodies of cities or villages therein are hereby empowered by ordinance to acquire through the exercise of the 3 4 right of eminent domain, or otherwise, real estate to be used as a site 5 or sites for the construction of state armories to be devoted to the uses and purposes of the Nebraska National Guard and State Guard and to convey 6 such real estate without consideration, when acquired, to the State of 7 Nebraska to the end that through state aid, or federal aid, or both, 8 9 state armory buildings may be constructed on such sites thereon without 10 cost to such cities or villages other than the cost to such said cities or villages to acquire and convey such of said real estate so acquired 11 12 and conveyed.

Sec. 69. Section 18-1002, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-1002 Whenever the Nebraska National Guard and State Guard desire 15 any city or village in this state to acquire at the cost of not to exceed 16 17 ten thousand dollars to such city or village by condemnation, or otherwise, any lot, piece, or parcel of land within the corporate limits 18 19 of such city or village for a state armory site, the Adjutant General shall notify the <u>city</u> municipal clerk <u>or village clerk</u> of <u>such city or</u> 20 village the local governing body thereof in writing to that effect. The 21 22 city clerk or village clerk shall present the notice to the local governing body at its next regular or special meeting. If ; and, if a 23 24 majority of the members of the governing body thereof, the vote thereon 25 to be recorded by yeas and nays in the minutes of the proceedings of such city or village, shall favor the acquisition of such said lot, piece, or 26 27 parcel of land, the governing body as aforesaid, they shall so order such 28 acquisition by resolution duly passed and approved and recorded in spread at large upon the minutes. The mayor or chairperson chairman of the 29 village\_board of trustees, as the case may be, shall thereupon designate 30 a committee from the local governing body to negotiate with the owner or 31

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owners of such said real estate for the purchase thereof for the purposes 1 2 and uses provided in this section aforesaid. If the committee and the owners are able to agree on the price, value, and title of the land, the 3 4 committee shall report in writing its agreement with the owners to the local governing body. If the agreement is ratified, approved, and 5 confirmed in all things by the local governing body by a majority vote of 6 7 its members, by ordinance upon receipt of a deed properly executed, approved as to form and substance by the city <u>attorney</u> or village 8 9 attorney in writing, from the owner or owners, as grantors to the city or 10 village, as the case may be, as grantee, such said governing body shall direct the issuance through its proper officers of warrants upon the 11 state armory site fund, as authorized by sections 18-1005 and 18-1006. 12 13 Such warrants so issued shall be drawn payable to the owner or owners of the land. 14

Sec. 70. Section 18-1003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 18-1003 If the owner or owners and the committee cannot agree on the price, value, or title of the land as provided in section 18-1002, within 18 19 a period of negotiation extending not more than ten days from the date of appointment of the committee by the local governing body, the committee 20 shall report the fact of disagreement to the mayor and <u>city</u> council or to 21 22 the chairperson chairman and village board of trustees, as the case may be. The city clerk or village municipal clerk shall immediately forthwith 23 24 notify in writing the Adjutant General to that effect, whereupon -25 Whereupon it shall be the duty of the Attorney General, collaborating with the city <u>attorney</u> or village attorney, to institute proper legal 26 27 proceedings to acquire the land for state use through the exercise of the power of eminent domain. The procedure to condemn property shall be 28 exercised in the manner set forth in sections 76-704 to 76-724. Payment 29 of the award made or any other necessary costs or expenses incident to 30 the condemnation suit shall be made by the city or village. 31

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Sec. 71. Section 18-1004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 18-1004 Notwithstanding any more general or special law respecting sale or conveyance of real estate now or hereafter owned by cities and 4 5 villages in force and effect in this state, the local governing bodies of cities and villages are thereof are hereby empowered by ordinance to 6 7 direct their proper officers to execute deeds for conveyance of any real estate of such cities or villages without consideration to the State of 8 9 Nebraska for the construction of state armory buildings on such real estate thereon. Such construction shall be made without cost to such 10 cities or villages. 11

12 Sec. 72. Section 18-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

18-1005 All cities or villages in organized under the laws of the 14 State of Nebraska shall have the power and authority to levy a special 15 tax each year of not more than five and two-tenths cents on each one 16 17 hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all the taxable property in such city or village for the acquisition of real estate by agreement with 18 the owner or owners or by condemnation as provided in sections 18-1002 19 and 18-1003 to be used for state armory sites. Such special levy shall be 20 made by the same local governing body and shall be levied in the same 21 22 manner as in the case of general city or village taxes. The proceeds of such levy shall inure and be credited to the state armory site fund 23 24 created by the which the local governing body as provided in section 25 <u>18-1006</u> is hereby authorized to create and manage. Revenue raised by such special levy shall be used only for the purpose of acquiring real estate 26 for a state armory site within the corporate limits of such city or 27 village or in the payment of warrants as authorized by section 18-1006. 28

Sec. 73. Section 18-1006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

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18-1006 Any city or village may anticipate the collection of <u>a</u>

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special such tax collected as provided in section 18-1005 to be budgeted 1 2 and levied in its adopted budget statement and for that purpose may issue its warrants, in a sum amounting to eighty-five percent of the tax to be 3 4 levied, as provided in section 18-1005 aforesaid, for the amount of any 5 award issued in condemnation and for the costs and expenses incident thereto, as provided in section 18-1003. Warrants so issued shall be 6 7 secured by such tax which shall be assessed and levied, as provided by law, and shall be payable only out of funds derived from such tax. In any 8 9 case in which warrants are issued, as provided in this section herein 10 authorized, it shall be the duty of such city or village, on receipt of such tax when paid, to hold the same as a separate fund, to be known as 11 the state armory site fund, to the amount of the warrants so issued, and 12 the interest thereon, for the purpose of paying or redeeming such 13 warrants. 14

Sec. 74. Section 18-1101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 18-1101 The mayor and <u>city</u> council of any city or the <u>chairperson</u> chairman and village board of trustees of any village of the State of 18 19 Nebraska, which has issued valid pledge warrants, revenue bonds, revenue notes, or revenue debentures, which instruments are outstanding and 20 unpaid, may take up and pay off any such outstanding instruments whenever 21 22 the same can be done by lawful means by the issue and sale, or the issue and exchange therefor, of other pledge warrants, revenue bonds, revenue 23 24 notes, or revenue debentures. Such instruments shall not be general 25 obligations of such city or village the municipality. Any city or village which has issued and has outstanding valid pledge warrants, revenue 26 27 bonds, revenue notes, or revenue debentures which are unpaid, some of 28 which are secured by the pledge of the revenue and earnings of one public utility and others are secured by the pledge of the revenue and earnings 29 of another public utility, may take up and pay off all such outstanding 30 instruments by the issuance and sale of its combined revenue bonds or 31

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revenue notes which may be secured by the pledge of the revenue and
 earnings of any two or more of such public utilities. Any ; such a city
 or village may enter into such a contract or contracts in connection with
 <u>such instruments</u> therewith as may be proper and necessary.

5 Sec. 75. Section 18-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 18-1102 Whenever it is desired to issue pledge warrants, revenue 8 bonds, or revenue debentures under section 18-1101, the <u>city council or</u> 9 <u>village board of trustees</u> <del>corporate authorities described therein</del> shall, 10 by resolution <u>recorded entered</u> in the minutes of <u>its their</u> proceedings, 11 provide for the issuance and sale or exchange of the refunding 12 instruments.

Sec. 76. Section 18-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-1201 All cities and villages in organized under the laws of the 15 State of Nebraska may levy a special tax each year of not more than five 16 17 cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all the taxable property in such city or village for the special purposes set 18 forth in this section. Such special levy shall be made by the same 19 officers or board and be levied in the same manner as general city or 20 village taxes. Revenue raised by such a special levy may be used for 21 22 purchasing and maintaining public safety equipment, including, but not limited to, vehicles or rescue or emergency first-aid equipment for a 23 24 fire or police department of such city or village, for purchasing real 25 estate for fire or police station quarters or facilities, for erecting, building, altering, or repairing fire or police station quarters or 26 27 facilities, for purchasing, installing, and equipping an emergency alarm 28 or communication system, or for paying off bonds authorized by section 18-1202. Such revenue may be accumulated in a sinking fund or sinking 29 funds to be used for any such purpose. 30

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Sec. 77. Section 18-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

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18-1202 Any city or village which has levied or intends to levy a 2 tax as authorized by section 18-1201 for the purposes stated in such 3 4 section may anticipate the collection of such taxes, including the anticipation of collections from levies to be made in future years, and 5 for such purpose may issue tax anticipation bonds which shall be payable 6 in not exceeding twenty years and may bear interest, payable annually or 7 semiannually, at such rate or rates as the mayor and <u>city</u> council or 8 9 chairperson and village board of trustees may determine. The total of 10 principal and interest payable on such bonds in any calendar year shall not exceed ninety percent of the anticipated tax collection for such 11 calendar year on the assumption that the taxable valuation for such city 12 13 or village in all succeeding years shall be the same as the taxable valuation most recently determined prior to passage of the ordinance 14 authorizing such bonds and applying the tax levy made or agreed to be 15 16 made by the city or village, but not exceeding five cents on each one 17 hundred dollars, and using tax due and delinguency dates in effect at the time of passage of the bond ordinance. The city or village may agree in 18 19 such bond ordinance to make and to continue to make a levy under section 18-1201 until such bonds and interest thereon are fully paid. Such bonds 20 shall be secured by such tax so assessed and levied and shall be payable 21 only out of the funds derived from such tax. It shall be the duty of such 22 city or village on receipt of such taxes to hold the same as a separate 23 24 fund to the amount of the bonds so issued and the interest thereon for 25 the purpose of paying or redeeming such bonds.

26 Sec. 78. Section 18-1203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 18-1203 All <u>incorporated</u> cities and villages within the State of 29 Nebraska are hereby expressly authorized, upon a three-fourths vote of 30 all of the members elected to the city <u>council</u> or village board<u>of</u> 31 <u>trustees</u>, to levy not to exceed two and one-tenth cents on each one

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1 hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all the taxable property in 2 such cities or villages each year to establish and maintain a vocal, instrumental, or amusement organization for the purpose of rendering free 3 public concerts, music festivals, and entertainments within such city or 4 5 village limits for the people of such city or village and locality. When such vote has been so made and recorded by the city council or village 6 7 board of trustees, a tax of not to exceed two and one-tenth cents on each one hundred dollars of the taxable value of all the taxable property of 8 9 such city or village shall be levied by such city or village, in addition to all other general and special taxes, for the support, maintenance, and 10 necessary of vocal, instrumental, 11 expenses such or amusement organization. Any incorporated city or village may levy each year a tax 12 of not exceeding three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars 13 upon the taxable value of all the taxable property in such municipality 14 for the maintenance of a municipal band or other vocal, instrumental, or 15 16 amusement organization for the purpose of rendering free public concerts, 17 music festivals, and entertainments when a petition signed by ten percent of the legal voters of such an incorporated city or village, as shown by 18 the last regular municipal election, is filed with the city clerk of the 19 city or village clerk and requests the following question to be submitted 20 21 voters of the city or village: Shall а tax of not to the 22 exceeding ..... cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all the taxable property of ....., Nebraska, 23 24 levied each year for the purpose of providing a fund for the be 25 maintenance of a municipal band or other vocal, instrumental, or amusement organization for the purpose of rendering free public concerts, 26 music festivals, and entertainments? When such petition is filed, the 27 28 city council or village board of trustees, council, or city commission shall cause the question to be submitted to the voters of the city or 29 village at the next general municipal election, and if a majority of the 30 votes cast at the election favor such proposition, the city council or 31

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<u>village</u> board of trustees, <u>council</u>, <u>or city commission</u> shall then levy
such tax to maintain such municipal band or other vocal, instrumental, or
amusement organization for the purposes enumerated in this section.

Sec. 79. Section 18-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-1204 When a petition signed by ten percent of the legal voters of 6 a such incorporated city or village, as shown by the last regular 7 municipal election, is filed with the city clerk of the city or village 8 9 <u>clerk</u> requesting that the question be submitted to the voters of 10 withdrawing the authority to tax under section 18-1203, the city council or village board of trustees or city council or commissioners shall 11 submit the question of withdrawal at the next general municipal election. 12 13 The question on the ballot shall be as follows: Shall the power previously heretofore granted in ....., Nebraska, to levy a tax 14 of ..... cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value 15 of all the taxable property of such city or village for the purpose of 16 17 providing a fund for the maintenance of a municipal band or other vocal, instrumental, or amusement organization for the purpose of rendering free 18 public concerts, music festivals, and entertainments be withdrawn? If a 19 majority of the votes cast favor such withdrawal, no further levy for the 20 purpose shall thereafter be made until the proposition is again 21 22 resubmitted to the people. After the proposition for withdrawing the right to tax has carried, no further submission of a proposition to levy 23 24 the tax shall be made for at least two years.

25 Sec. 80. Section 18-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-1205 When <u>a</u> any incorporated city or village has voted as 28 required by section 18-1203 to establish and maintain a vocal, 29 instrumental, or amusement organization, there shall thereafter be 30 included in the annual estimate of expenses of <u>such</u> the city or village a 31 levy of not to exceed two and one-tenth cents or three and five-tenths

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cents on each one hundred dollars, as the case may be, upon the taxable
 value of the taxable property of such city or village for each year for
 <u>such</u> the purpose. The levy so made shall be included in the appropriation
 ordinance.

5 Sec. 81. Section 18-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 18-1206 Every such vocal, instrumental, or amusement organization 8 established under sections 18-1201 to 18-1207 herein contemplated shall 9 be under the instruction and guidance of a leader, who may be nominated 10 in the first instance by the organization or association but whose 11 nomination, term of employment, and compensation shall be subject to the 12 approval of the city council of said city or village board of trustees of 13 the city or village that established the organization of said village.

14 Sec. 82. Section 18-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 15 amended to read:

16 18-1207 The city council of each such city, or village board of 17 trustees of each such village, making provision for any vocal, instrumental, or amusement organization as provided in sections 18-1201 18 19 to 18-1207, shall make and adopt all suitable and necessary rules, bylaws concerning the government, 20 regulations, and organization, 21 expenditures, and other necessary matters pertaining to such 22 organization, and for that purpose shall appoint and designate three members of the city council or village board of trustees as a committee 23 24 on municipal amusements and entertainments.

25 Sec. 83. Section 18-1215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-1215 Whenever a municipality has enacted an ordinance creating a 28 special assessment district, it shall be the duty of such municipality to 29 file a copy of such ordinance in the office of the register of deeds of 30 the county in which such municipality is located.

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Sec. 84. Section 18-1216, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

2 18-1216 (1) Any municipality city of the metropolitan, primary, first, or second class or any village shall have authority to collect the 3 special assessments which it levies and to perform all other necessary 4 5 functions related thereto including foreclosure. The governing body of any <u>municipality</u> city or village collecting its own special assessments 6 7 shall direct that notice that special assessments are due shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to the last-known address of the person against 8 9 whom such special assessments are assessed or to the lending institution 10 or other party responsible for paying such special assessments. Failure to receive such notice shall not relieve the taxpayer from any liability 11 to pay such special assessments and any interest or penalties accrued 12 13 thereon.

(2) A city of the second class or village collecting its own 14 assessments under this section shall (a) file notice of the assessments 15 16 and the amount of assessment being levied for each lot or tract of land to the register of deeds of the county in which the municipality is 17 located and (b) file a release of assessment upon final payment of each 18 assessment with the register of deeds. Such register of deeds shall index 19 the assessment against the individual lots and tracts of land and have 20 such information available to the public. 21

22 Sec. 85. Section 18-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:

24 18-1501 Any city or village in  $\tau$  within the State of Nebraska $\tau$  is hereby authorized to acquire by lease  $\tau$  for a term not to exceed twenty-25 five years, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, the necessary land 26 within or without such city or village for the purpose of establishing an 27 aviation field and to erect thereon such buildings and make such 28 improvements, as may be necessary for the purpose of adapting the field 29 to the use of aerial traffic, and may, from time to time, fix and 30 establish a schedule of charges for the use of such field thereof, which 31

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charges shall be used in connection with the maintenance and operation of
 any such field and the activities thereof. The procedure to condemn
 property shall be exercised in the manner set forth in sections 76-704 to
 76-724.

5 Sec. 86. Section 18-1502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:

7 18-1502 For the purpose of acquiring and improving an aviation field as authorized in section 18-1501, any city or village may issue and sell 8 9 bonds of such city or village to be designated aviation field bonds to 10 provide the necessary funds for such aviation field therefor in an amount not to exceed seven-tenths of one percent of the taxable valuation of all 11 the taxable property in such city or village. Such bonds shall become due 12 13 in not to exceed twenty years from the date of issuance and shall draw interest payable semiannually or annually. Such bonds may not be sold for 14 less than par and in no case without the proposition of issuing the same 15 having first been submitted to the legal electors of such city or village 16 17 at a general or special election held in such city or village therein and a majority of the votes cast upon the question of issuing the bonds being 18 in favor thereof. The authority to sell such bonds shall not be limited 19 by any other or special provision of law found elsewhere outside of 20 21 sections 18-1501 to 18-1509.

22 Sec. 87. Section 18-1503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:

24 18-1503 For the purpose of acquiring and improving an the aviation field as provided in section 18-1501, a the city or village may, in lieu 25 of issuing and selling bonds, levy an annual tax of not to exceed seven 26 cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all the 27 taxable property within the corporate limits of such city or village, 28 which tax shall not be levied or collected until the proposition of 29 levying such tax the same has first been submitted to the legal electors 30 of such city or village at a general or special election held in such 31

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<u>city or village</u> therein and the majority of votes cast upon the question of levying such tax are in favor thereof. Such levy shall be authorized for a term not exceeding ten years, and the proposition submitted to the electors shall specify the number of years for which it is proposed to levy such tax. If funds for such purposes are raised by the levy of tax, no part of the funds so accruing shall be used for any other purpose.

Sec. 88. Section 18-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-1504 It shall not be necessary, in order <u>for a city or village</u> to 10 acquire the necessary land for an aviation field by lease, to submit the 11 proposition of such acquisition by lease to the legal voters of such city 12 or village.

Sec. 89. Section 18-1508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-1508 The governing body legislative body of any city or village 15 shall have power to make and enforce such ordinances, rules, and 16 17 regulations as shall lawfully be made, for the control and supervision of any airport, landing field, or airdrome acquired, established, or 18 19 operated by such city or village it, and for the control of aircraft and airmen, but such ordinances, rules, and regulations shall not conflict 20 with the rules and regulations for the navigation of aircraft promulgated 21 by the United States Government. This power shall extend to the space 22 above the lands and waters included within the corporate limits of such 23 24 city or village<sub> $\tau$ </sub> and to the space above any airport, landing field, or 25 airdrome outside <u>such</u> its limits.

26 Sec. 90. Section 18-1509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

18-1509 The governing body of any city or village, authorized by section 18-1501 to acquire an aviation field, shall have power to lease or dispose of <u>such aviation field</u> the same or any portion thereof when <u>doing so will not damage</u> the public need <u>for such airfield</u> will not

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1 thereby be injured.

Sec. 91. Section 18-1701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

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4 18-1701 All cities and villages may are empowered to provide for the 5 disposition or destruction of public records when such the records have been determined to be of no further legal, administrative, fiscal, or 6 historical value by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the 7 Records Management Act. This sections 84-1201 to 84-1220; Provided, the 8 9 provisions of this section shall not apply to the minutes of the city 10 clerk or village clerk, and the permanent ordinance and resolution books, or any other record classified as permanent by the State Records 11 Administrator. 12

Sec. 92. Section 18-1702, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 18-1702 Any city or village, in the State of Nebraska<u>may</u>, is 16 hereby authorized and empowered to pay from municipal funds the cost of 17 training and the expenses of trainees, designated by its governing body, 18 to attend the <u>Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center</u> <del>law enforcement</del> 19 institute jointly sponsored by the Police Officers Association of 20 Nebraska and the Extension Division of the University of Nebraska and 21 held periodically at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska.

22 Sec. 93. Section 18-1705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:

24 18-1705 Whenever any city or village shall need any additional land 25 for the purpose of avoiding a menace to travel by caving, sliding, washing, or otherwise or for the purpose of improving, maintaining, or 26 changing any road, street, alley, or other public highway, such city or 27 village may acquire such needed land or an easement therein by purchase, 28 gift, or eminent domain proceedings. Such land may be so acquired 29 regardless of whether the land it is contiguous or noncontiguous to such 30 road, street, alley, or highway, or within or without the corporate 31

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limits of such city or village. In case of eminent domain proceedings,
 the procedure to condemn property shall be exercised in the manner set
 forth in sections 76-704 to 76-724.

Sec. 94. Section 18-1706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

6 18-1706 Any city or village may by resolution authorize its fire 7 <u>department</u> or police <u>department</u> <del>departments</del> or any portion thereof to 8 provide fire, police, and emergency service outside of the limits of <u>such</u> 9 <u>city or village</u> the municipality either within or without the state.

10 Sec. 95. Section 18-1707, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 11 amended to read:

18-1707 Any city or village shall have the authority to contract 12 13 with other political subdivisions, government agencies, public corporations, private persons, or groups for (1) compensation for 14 services rendered by such city or village it or (2) the use of vehicles 15 16 and equipment of the city or village. Such The services shall be of a 17 type which the city or village is empowered to perform and the vehicles or equipment shall be of a type which the city or village is empowered to 18 use, as otherwise provided by law. Any person performing such the 19 services shall have completed any training requirements of his or her 20 profession as required by law. The compensation agreed upon shall be a 21 legal charge and collectible by the entity rendering such services in any 22 court of competent jurisdiction. 23

24 Sec. 96. Section 18-1708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

26 18-1708 All <u>city or village municipal</u> employees serving outside the 27 corporate limits of the <u>city or village</u> <del>municipality</del> as authorized in 28 sections 18-1706 to 18-1709 shall be considered and held as serving in 29 their regular line of duties as fully as if they were serving within the 30 corporate limits of <u>the city or village which employs them</u> <del>their own</del> 31 <del>municipality</del>.

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Sec. 97. Section 18-1709, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 18-1709 <u>Any city or village</u> Each and every municipality of this 4 state <u>may</u> is hereby authorized and empowered to make arrangements and 5 contracts with any other <u>city or village</u> <u>municipality</u> for the purpose of 6 fire protection and for the use of fire apparatus and emergency vehicles 7 and equipment.

8 Sec. 98. Section 18-1712, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 18-1712 Any city or village in the State of Nebraska may pay from city or village municipal funds the cost of training and the expenses of 11 such members of the city or village fire department from each fire 12 13 company as designated by the its governing body of the city or village to attend the fire training school jointly sponsored by the Nebraska State 14 15 Volunteer Firefighter's Association, the State Fire Marshal, the Nebraska Forest Service-Fire Control, a division of the University of Nebraska 16 17 Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and held periodically at the state fire 18 19 training school.

20 Sec. 99. Section 18-1713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 21 amended to read:

22 18-1713 Any city or village in the State of Nebraska may shall be authorized and empowered to enter into a contract with a fire department 23 24 of any <u>city of the primary or metropolitan class or city of the primary</u> 25 <u>class</u> that maintains a fire training school for its own <u>firefighters</u> firemen, to train such firefighters firemen as such city or village it 26 27 might designate and may pay from <u>city or village</u> municipal funds the cost of such training and all of the expenses of such designated trainees 28 during the time that they are undergoing such training. 29

30 Sec. 100. Section 18-1714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-1714 Any city or village in the State of Nebraska <u>may</u> is hereby 2 authorized to send any person or persons designated by its governing body 3 to attend any fire training school operating within the State of Nebraska 4 and that has been approved as a proper fire department training school 5 for such purposes by the State Fire Marshal and the Nebraska Emergency 6 Management Agency.

Sec. 101. Section 18-1716, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-1716 Any regulation of any municipality pertaining to any area 10 outside of its corporate limits shall be subject to any lawful and 11 existing regulation of another municipality pertaining to that same area 12 except as otherwise provided by an agreement entered into pursuant to the 13 Interlocal Cooperation Act or Joint Public Agency Act. However, any area 14 annexed by any municipality shall <u>only</u> be subject to the ordinances of 15 such <u>annexing</u> municipality after such annexation.

16 Sec. 102. Section 18-1718, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 17 amended to read:

18 18-1718 Any action or proceeding of any kind or nature, whether 19 legal or equitable, which is brought to contest any annexation of 20 property made after April 29, 1967, by any city or village, <u>shall must</u> be 21 brought within one year from the effective date of <u>such the</u> annexation or 22 <u>such action or proceeding</u> the same shall be forever barred. The period of 23 time prescribed by this section for bringing an action shall not be 24 tolled or extended by nonresidence or disability.

Sec. 103. Section 18-1719, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
26 2020, is amended to read:

27 18-1719 Any city or village may provide for the destruction and 28 removal of specified portions of weeds and worthless vegetation within 29 the right-of-way of all railroads within the corporate limits of any such 30 city or village<sub> $\tau$ </sub> and it may require the owner or owners of such right-of-31 way to destroy and remove the weeds or vegetation <u>from such right-of-way</u>

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therefrom. If such owner or owners fail, neglect, or refuse, after ten 1 days' written notice to remove the weeds or vegetation, such city or 2 village, by its proper officers, shall destroy and remove the weeds or 3 4 vegetation or cause the weeds or vegetation to be destroyed or removed and shall assess the cost thereof against such property as a special 5 assessment. No city or village shall destroy or remove or otherwise treat 6 7 such specified portions until after the time has passed in which the railroad company is required to destroy or remove such vegetation. 8

9 Sec. 104. Section 18-1720, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
10 2020, is amended to read:

11 18-1720 (1) All cities and villages in this state <u>may are hereby</u> 12 granted power and authority by ordinance to define, regulate, suppress, 13 and prevent nuisances, <del>and to</del> declare what shall constitute a nuisance, 14 and to abate and remove <u>such nuisances</u> the <u>same</u>. Every city and village 15 <u>may</u> is authorized to exercise such power and authority within its 16 <u>corporate limits and extraterritorial</u> zoning jurisdiction.

17 (2) Any city or village may enter into an interlocal agreement 18 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act with a county in which the 19 extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the city or village is located to 20 provide for joint and cooperative action to abate, remove, or prevent 21 nuisances within such extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. The governing 22 body of such city or village and the county board of such county shall 23 first approve such interlocal agreement by ordinance or resolution.

24 Sec. 105. Section 18-1721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-1721 In order to lessen congestion on the streets and to facilitate adequate provisions for community utilities and facilities such as transportation, any city or village which has a comprehensive zoning ordinance is authorized to require that no building or structure shall be erected or enlarged upon any lot in any zoning district unless the half of the street adjacent to such lot has been dedicated to its

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1 comprehensive plan width. The maximum area of land required to be so dedicated shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the area of any such 2 lot and the dedication shall not reduce such a lot below a width of fifty 3 feet or an area of five thousand square feet. Any owner of such a lot may 4 5 submit an application for a variance and the <u>city or village</u> municipality shall provide a procedure for such application to prevent unreasonable 6 hardship under the facts of each case. The authority granted in this 7 section herein is in addition to the authority of the city or village 8 9 municipality to require dedication of right-of-way as a condition of subdivision approval. 10

Sec. 106. Section 18-1722.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, amended to read:

18-1722.01 Whenever the governing body of a municipality of the 13 metropolitan class has decided by resolution or other a municipality of 14 any other class has made a determination that a property is unsafe or 15 16 unfit for human occupancy because of one or more violations of its minimum standard housing ordinance or has decided by resolution or other 17 determination, whichever is applicable, that a building is unsafe because 18 19 of one or more violations of its local dangerous building or construction code-ordinance, it shall be the duty of such municipality to post the 20 property accordingly, and to file a copy of such resolution or other 21 determination or resolution in the office of the register of deeds of the 22 county to be recorded. No fee shall be charged for such recording or for 23 24 the release of such recording.

25 Sec. 107. Section 18-1723, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-1723 Whenever any firefighter who has served a total of five 28 years as a member of a paid fire department of any city in this state or 29 any police officer of any city or village, including any city having a 30 home rule charter, shall suffer death or disability as a result of 31 hypertension or heart or respiratory defect or disease, there shall be a

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rebuttable presumption that such death or disability resulted from 1 2 accident or other cause while in the line of duty for all purposes of the 3 Police Officers Retirement Act, Chapter 15, article 10, sections 15-1012 to 15-1027 and 16-1020 to 16-1042, and any firefighter's or police 4 5 officer's pension plan established pursuant to any home rule charter, the Legislature specifically finding the subject of this section to be a 6 matter of general statewide concern. The rebuttable presumption shall 7 apply to death or disability as a result of hypertension or heart or 8 9 respiratory defect or disease after the firefighter or police officer separates from his or her applicable employment if the death or 10 disability occurs within three months after such separation. Such 11 rebuttable presumption shall apply in any action or proceeding arising 12 13 out of death or disability incurred prior to December 25, 1969, and which has not been processed to final administrative or judicial conclusion 14 prior to such date. 15

16 Sec. 108. Section 18-1724, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 17 amended to read:

18-1724 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or laws 18 heretofore enacted, all cities and villages in this state shall have the 19 ordinance to define, regulate, suppress, 20 power by and prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, 21 sex, marital status, national origin, familial status as defined in 22 section 20-311, handicap as defined in section 20-313, age, or disability 23 in employment, public accommodation, and housing and may provide for the 24 25 enforcement of such ordinances by providing appropriate penalties for the violation thereof. It shall not be an unlawful employment practice to 26 refuse employment based on a policy of not employing both husband and 27 wife if such policy is equally applied to both sexes. 28

29 Sec. 109. Section 18-1729, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31 18-1729 Any incorporated city or village may, by ordinance,

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1 establish a violations bureau for the collection of penalties for 2 nonmoving traffic violations within such city or village. Such violations 3 shall not be subject to prosecution in the courts except when payment of 4 the penalty is not made within the time prescribed by ordinance. When 5 payment is not made within such time, the violations may be prosecuted in 6 the same manner as other ordinance violations.

Sec. 110. Section 18-1741.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,is amended to read:

9 18-1741.03 To <u>ensure</u> insure uniformity, the Supreme Court may prescribe the form of the handicapped parking citation to be used for 10 handicapped parking infractions. The handicapped parking citation shall 11 include a description of the handicapped parking infraction, the time and 12 place at which the person cited is to appear, a warning that failure to 13 appear in accordance with the command of the citation is a punishable 14 offense, and such other matter as the Supreme Court deems appropriate, 15 but shall not include a place for the cited person's social security 16 number. The handicapped parking citation shall provide space for an 17 affidavit by a peace officer certifying that the recipient of the 18 19 citation is the lawful possessor in his or her own right of a handicapped or disabled parking permit and that the peace officer has personally 20 viewed the permit. The Supreme Court may provide that a copy of the 21 handicapped parking citation constitutes the complaint filed in the trial 22 23 court.

24 Sec. 111. Section 18-1743, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-1743 Any city or village which requires that a building permit be issued for the erection, alteration, or repair of any building within its <u>corporate limits or extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction shall</u>, if the improvement is two thousand five hundred dollars or more, issue a duplicate of such permit to the county assessor.

31 Sec. 112. Section 18-1748, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

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2 18-1748 (1) Any city or village may require the owner of any property which is within such city or village and connected to the public 3 sewers or drains to repair or replace any connection line which serves 4 the owner's property and is broken, cloqged, or otherwise in need of 5 repair or replacement. The property owner's duty to repair or replace 6 7 such a connection line shall include those portions upon the owner's property and those portions upon public property or easements up to and 8 9 including the point of junction with the public main.

10 (2) Any city or village may require the owner of property served by 11 a driveway approach constructed or maintained upon the street right-of-12 way to repair or replace any such driveway approach which is cracked, 13 broken, or otherwise deteriorated to the extent that it is causing or is 14 likely to cause damage to or interfere with any street structure 15 including pavement or sidewalks.

16 (3) The city or village shall give the property owner notice by registered letter or certified mail, directed to the last-known address 17 of such owner or the agent of such owner, directing the repair or 18 replacement of such connection line or driveway approach. If within 19 thirty days of mailing such notice the property owner fails or neglects 20 to cause such repairs or replacements to be made, the city or village may 21 cause such work to be done and assess the cost upon the property served 22 23 by such connection or approach.

24 Sec. 113. Section 18-1750, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-1750 (1) Municipalities may issue notes up to seventy percent of the unexpended balance of total anticipated receipts for the current year and the following year. Total anticipated receipts for the current year and the following year shall mean a sum equal to the anticipated receipts from the current existing total levy multiplied by two.

31 (2) Municipalities may execute and deliver in evidence of such

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anticipated receipts thereof their promissory notes, which they may are 1 2 hereby authorized and empowered to make and negotiate, bearing a rate of interest set by the city council or village board of trustees and 3 4 maturing not more than two years from the date thereof. Such notes, before they are negotiated, shall be presented to the city treasurer or 5 village treasurer of the municipality and registered by him or her and 6 shall be payable out of the funds collected by such municipality in the 7 order of their registration after the payment of prior registered 8 9 warrants, but prior to the payment of any warrant subsequently registered, except that if both warrants and notes are registered, the 10 total of such registered notes and warrants shall not exceed one hundred 11 percent of the unexpended balance of the total anticipated receipts of 12 13 such municipality for the current year and the following year. For the purpose of making such calculation, such total anticipated receipts shall 14 not include any anticipated receipts against which the municipality has 15 issued notes pursuant to this section in either the current or the 16 17 immediately preceding year.

18 (3) (2) In addition to the provisions of <u>subsections</u> <del>subsection</del> (1) 19 <u>and (2)</u> of this section, municipalities may accept interest-free or low-20 interest loans from the federal government and may execute and deliver in 21 evidence thereof their promissory notes maturing not more than twenty 22 years from the date of execution.

Sec. 114. Section 18-1751, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
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18-1751 All cities and villages may create a special improvement district for the purpose of replacing, reconstructing, or repairing an existing street, alley, water line, <u>or</u> sewer line<sub> $\tau$ </sub> or any other such improvement. Except as provided in sections 19-2428 to 19-2431, the city council or <u>village</u> board of trustees may levy a special assessment, to the extent of such special benefits, for the costs of such improvements upon the properties found specially benefited thereby, whether or not

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such properties were previously assessed for the same general purpose. In creating such special improvement district, the city council or <u>village</u> board of trustees shall follow procedures applicable to the creation and assessment of the same type of improvement district as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 115. Section 18-1752, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

8 18-1752 (1) Any city or village may provide for the collection and 9 removal of garbage or refuse found upon any lot or land within its 10 corporate limits or <u>extraterritorial</u> zoning jurisdiction or upon the 11 streets, roads, or alleys abutting such lot or land which constitutes a 12 public nuisance. The city or village may require the owner, duly 13 authorized agent, or tenant of such lot or land to remove the garbage or 14 refuse from such lot, <del>or</del> land, <del>and</del> streets, roads, or alleys.

15 (2) Notice that removal of garbage or refuse is necessary shall be 16 given to each owner or owner's duly authorized agent and to the tenant if 17 any. Such notice shall be provided by personal service or by certified 18 mail. After providing such notice, the city or village through its proper 19 offices shall, in addition to other proper remedies, remove the garbage 20 or refuse, or cause it to be removed, from such lot, or land, and 21 streets, roads, or alleys.

22 (3) If the mayor or city manager of such city or chairperson of the village board of trustees of such village declares that the accumulation 23 24 of such garbage or refuse upon any lot or land constitutes an immediate 25 nuisance and hazard to public health and safety, the city or village shall remove the garbage or refuse, or cause it to be removed, from such 26 27 lot or land within forty-eight hours after notice by personal service or following receipt of a certified letter in accordance with subsection (2) 28 of this section if such garbage or refuse has not been removed. 29

30 (4) Whenever any city or village removes any garbage or refuse, or 31 causes it to be removed, from any lot or land pursuant to this section,

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<u>such city or village</u> it shall, after a hearing conducted by <u>the city</u>
 <u>council or village board of trustees</u> its governing board, assess the cost
 of the removal against such lot or land.

Sec. 116. Section 18-1754, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-1754 The Tax Commissioner shall review the report of the annexing 6 city or village issued pursuant to section 18-1753 and its calculations 7 as to the new population of the city or village as the result of the 8 9 annexation. The Tax Commissioner He or she shall determine if the methodology employed in determining such calculations has been made in 10 conformity with section 18-1753 and shall, within sixty days of his or 11 her receipt of a complete report from the annexing city or village, 12 13 certify the total new population of the city or village following the 14 annexation. The Tax Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section 18-1753. 15

Sec. 117. Section 18-1755, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-1755 A city of the metropolitan, primary, first, or second class 18 19 or village acquiring an interest in real property by purchase or eminent domain shall do so only after the governing body of such city or village 20 has authorized the acquisition by action taken in a public meeting after 21 notice and public hearing. The city or village shall provide to the 22 public a right of access for recreational use to the real property 23 24 acquired for public recreational purposes. Such access shall be at 25 designated access points and shall be equal to the right of access for recreational use held by adjacent landowners. The right of access granted 26 to the public for recreational use shall meet or exceed such right held 27 by a private landowner adjacent to the real property. 28

Sec. 118. Section 18-1757, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

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18-1757 (1) The <u>fire chief</u> or head official of the fire department,

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fire inspectors as may be designated by such <u>fire</u> chief or head official, 1 2 or inspectors charged with the enforcement of fire, health, or safety, and building or construction codes and constructional technical codes of 3 a city of the metropolitan first class, city of the primary class, or 4 city of the first metropolitan class shall have the authority, after 5 being trained by a certified law enforcement officer in the policies and 6 7 procedures for issuance of citations, to issue citations for violations of fire, health, and safety, and building or construction codes and 8 9 constructional technical codes (a) that constitute infractions or 10 violations of city ordinances, (b) that are violations of the fire, health, or safety, or building or construction code or constructional 11 technical code that the official or inspector issuing the citation is 12 13 charged with enforcing, and (c) in which the circumstances do not pose a danger to the official or inspector. 14

(2) If a city of the second class or village has adopted and is 15 enforcing a fire, health, safety, or building or construction 16 17 constructional technical code, the <u>fire</u> chief or head official of the fire department, fire inspectors designated by such fire chief or head 18 19 official, or such inspectors charged with the enforcement of the fire, health, safety, or building or construction constructional technical code 20 shall have the authority, after being trained by a certified law 21 enforcement officer in the policies and procedures for issuance of 22 citations, to issue citations for violations of fire, health, safety, or 23 24 building or construction constructional technical codes (a) that 25 constitute infractions or violations of city or village ordinances, (b) that are violations of the fire, health, safety, or building or 26 construction constructional technical code that the official or inspector 27 issuing the citation is charged with enforcing, and (c) where the 28 circumstances do not pose a danger to the official or inspector. 29

30 (3) A citation issued under this section shall be equivalent to and31 have the same legal effect as a citation issued in lieu of arrest or

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continued custody by a peace officer if the citation and procedures 1 2 utilized meet the requirements of sections 29-422 to 29-429. The citation shall be on the same form prescribed under section 29-423. Failure to 3 4 appear or comply with a citation issued under this section shall be 5 punishable in the same manner as provided in section 29-426. An official or inspector issuing a citation under this section shall not have 6 7 authority to take a person into custody or detain a person under this section or section 29-427. 8

9 Sec. 119. Section 18-1801, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 10 amended to read:

18-1801 Whenever any city or village is authorized to issue bonds 11 that would constitute a general obligation of the city or village and 12 13 such the city or village has taken all preliminary steps required for the issuance of two or more issuances of such bonds, except the enactment of 14 an ordinance or resolution prescribing the form thereof, the city or 15 16 village may combine all such proposed bonds into a single issue in the 17 total amount of the aggregate of the proposed separate issues and issue and sell such bonds at not less than par. The bonds shall be known as 18 Various Purpose Bonds of the City (or Village) of ...... 19

20 Sec. 120. Section 18-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 21 amended to read:

22 18-1802 Any The various purpose bonds issued under section 18-1801 shall be authorized by an ordinance enacted by a majority vote of the 23 24 governing body of the city or village. The ordinance shall state the 25 various proposed bonds and the amount of each proposed issue which have been combined in the various purpose bonds. The various purpose bonds may 26 mature and bear interest as the governing body may determine but the 27 amount of each proposed separate issue included therein shall mature and 28 bear interest within the maturity and interest limitations which would be 29 applicable to such separate issue as if it were issued independently. The 30 proceeds received from the sale of such bonds shall be allocated and 31

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applied to the same purposes as the proceeds of the separate bond issues would have been applied if issued. All money collected from special assessments or other special funds which might have been applied on the payment of any bonds if issued separately shall be kept in a special account and used to pay the principal and interest on the various purpose bonds of the city or village.

Sec. 121. Section 18-1803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-1803 Any city or village shall have the power to issue revenue 10 bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, extending, equipping, or furnishing any revenue-producing 11 facility within or without its corporate limits that the city or village 12 municipality has power to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, equip, 13 14 improve, or operate and for any purpose necessary or incidental to any such purpose of the foregoing and for the purpose of refunding any such 15 16 bonds and for the purpose of refunding general obligation bonds of the city or village issued to construct part or all of such revenue-producing 17 facilities including refunding any general obligation bonds which may 18 have been issued to refund any bonds issued to construct part or all of 19 such revenue-producing facilities. Cities of the primary class may also 20 issue revenue bonds for any public purpose in connection with or related 21 to any such revenue-producing facility. For the purposes of sections 22 23 18-1803 to 18-1805, bonds shall mean and include bonds, notes, warrants, 24 or debentures, including notes issued pending permanent revenue bond 25 financing. For the purposes of sections 18-1803 to 18-1805, facility shall mean and include, but not be limited to, all or part of a revenue-26 producing undertaking, such as a health care facility, waterworks plant, 27 water system, sanitary sewer system, sewage disposal plant, gas plant, 28 electric light and power plant, electric distribution system, or airport 29 facility, including an ownership interest in any such undertaking, or any 30 31 combination of two or more such undertakings or an interest or interests

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1 therein.

Sec. 122. Section 18-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-1804 General provisions relating to the form, sale, issuance, and
other matters concerning revenue bonds <u>issued by municipalities</u> shall be
as follows:

7 (1) The form, denominations, and other features of such bond issues 8 shall be as prescribed by the governing body in the ordinance authorizing 9 the issuance of such bonds. The official designated shall be responsible 10 for the sale and issuance of such bonds, for their delivery, for promptly 11 and properly depositing the proceeds therefrom, and for other ministerial 12 acts relating to bonds;

13 (2) Revenue bonds shall be issued for such terms as the ordinance 14 authorizing <u>such bonds</u> them shall prescribe but shall not mature later 15 than fifty years after the date of issuance thereof and may be issued 16 with or without an option of redemption as shall be determined by the 17 governing body;

(3) Revenue bonds shall be sold for such price, bear interest at
such rate or rates, and be payable as to principal and interest at such
time or times and at such place or places within or without the state as
shall be determined by the governing body;

22 (4) Any ordinance authorizing revenue bonds may contain such covenants and provisions to protect and safeguard the security of the 23 24 holders of such bonds as shall be deemed necessary to assure the prompt 25 payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. Such covenants and provisions may establish or provide for, but shall not be limited to, 26 (a) the payment of interest on such bonds from the proceeds thereof for 27 such period as the governing body deems advisable, the creation of 28 reserve funds from bond proceeds, revenue of the facility for or with 29 respect to which the bonds were issued or other available money, the 30 creation of trust funds, and the appointment of trustees for the purpose 31

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1 of receiving and disbursing bond proceeds or the collection and 2 disbursement of revenue from the facility for or with respect to which the bonds were issued, (b)  $\div$  the limitations or conditions upon the 3 4 issuance of additional bonds payable from the revenue of the facility for or with respect to which the bonds were issued, (c)  $\div$  the operation, 5 maintenance, management, accounting, and auditing procedures to be 6 7 followed in the operation of the facility  $\dot{\tau}$  and (d) the conditions under which any trustee or bondholders committee shall be entitled to the 8 9 appointment of a receiver to take possession of the facility, to manage 10 it, and to receive and apply revenue from the facility;

11 (5) The provisions of this section and any ordinances authorizing 12 the issuance of revenue bonds pursuant to this section shall constitute a 13 contract of the municipality with every holder of such bonds and shall be 14 enforceable by any bondholder by mandamus or other appropriate action at 15 law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction;

16 (6) Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not be a debt of the 17 municipality within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory, or charter limitation upon the creation of general obligation indebtedness 18 of the municipality, and the municipality shall not be liable for the 19 payment of such bonds thereof out of any money of the municipality other 20 than the revenue pledged to the payment thereof, and all bonds issued 21 pursuant to this section shall contain a recital to that effect. The 22 23 holders of all revenue bonds shall have a lien on the revenue of the 24 facility for or with respect to which they are issued subject to 25 conditions provided in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds; 26

(7) Whenever the governing body shall have issued any revenue bonds,
<u>the governing body</u> it shall establish, maintain, revise, and collect
charges and rates throughout the life of the bonds at least sufficient to
provide for all costs associated with the ownership, operation,
maintenance, renewal, and replacement of the facility for or with respect

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to which the bonds were issued and  $_{\tau}$  the payment of the principal and interest on all indebtedness incurred with respect thereto and to provide adequate reserves therefor, to maintain such coverage for the payment of such indebtedness as the governing body may deem advisable, to maintain such other reserves as provided in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of such bonds, and to carry out the provisions of such ordinances; and

(8) Bonds issued pursuant to this section Such bonds shall be signed 8 by the mayor or chairperson of the village board of trustees and 9 10 countersigned by the official designated. Signatures upon such bonds and coupons shall be in such form as the governing body may prescribe in the 11 bond ordinance concerned. At least one manual signature shall be affixed 12 13 to each bond, but other required signatures may be affixed as facsimile 14 signatures. The use on bonds and coupons of a printed facsimile of the municipal seal is also authorized. 15

Sec. 123. Section 18-1902, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

18-1902 The plumbing board shall organize by selecting one member as 18 19 chairperson. The plumbing inspector shall be the secretary of the board. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep full, true, and correct 20 minutes and records of all licenses issued by <u>the plumbing board</u> it, 21 together with their kinds and dates, and the names of the persons to whom 22 issued, in books to be provided by such city or village for that purpose, 23 24 which books and records shall be open for free inspection by all persons 25 during business hours.

26 Sec. 124. Section 18-1905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

18-1905 The assistant inspectors shall receive a salary in an amount to be determined by the city council or <u>village</u> <del>chairman</del> and board of trustees. The members of the <u>plumbing</u> board, not ex officio members, shall be paid an amount to be determined by the city council or <u>village</u>

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chairman and board of trustees. No meeting of the <u>plumbing</u> board shall be held at any time, except on the call of the <u>chairperson</u> <del>chairman</del> of such board. All salaries shall be paid out of the general fund of the city or village, where the <u>plumbing</u> board is located, the same as other city or village officers are paid. Vouchers for the same shall be duly certified by the <u>chairperson</u> <del>chairman</del> and secretary of such <u>plumbing</u> board to the city council, city manager, or <u>village</u> <del>chairman</del> and board of trustees.

8 Sec. 125. Section 18-1907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

10 18-1907 Any person desiring to do any plumbing, or to work at the business of plumbing, in any such city or village which has established a 11 plumbing board, shall make written application to the plumbing board for 12 13 examination for a license, which examination shall be made at the next meeting of the <u>plumbing</u> board, or at an adjourned meeting. If the 14 applicant is an individual, the application shall include the applicant's 15 social security number. The plumbing board shall examine the applicant as 16 17 his or her practical knowledge of plumbing, house drainage, to ventilation, and sanitation, which examination shall be practical as well 18 as theoretical,  $\div$  and if the applicant has shown himself or herself 19 competent, the plumbing board shall cause its chairperson and secretary 20 to execute and deliver to the applicant a license authorizing him or her 21 22 to do plumbing in such city or village and also within the area of extraterritorial the zoning jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of 23 24 cities of the metropolitan class.

25 Sec. 126. Section 18-1909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-1909 All original and renewal <u>plumbing</u>licenses shall be good for 28 one year or two years from the date of issuance as determined by the 29 plumbing board, except that any license may be revoked or suspended by 30 the plumbing board at any time upon a hearing upon sufficient written, 31 sworn charges filed with the <u>plumbing</u>board showing the holder of the

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1 license to be incompetent or guilty of a willful breach of the rules, 2 regulations, or requirements of the <u>plumbing</u> board or of the laws or 3 ordinances relating thereto or of other causes sufficient for the 4 revocation or suspension of his or her license, of which charges and 5 hearing the holder of such license shall have written notice.

Sec. 127. Section 18-1910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-1910 It shall be unlawful for any person to do any plumbing in 8 9 any such city or village, or within the area of extraterritorial the 10 zoning jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of cities of the metropolitan class, which has established a plumbing board unless the 11 person he holds a proper license. It shall be unlawful for any person to 12 13 make any connection to water mains extended from within and beyond the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of a city of the metropolitan class 14 which has established a plumbing board, unless the person he complies 15 with the applicable plumbing codes of the city of the metropolitan class 16 17 city and holds a proper license as required by such city. The thereby; Provided, that the requirements of this section shall not apply to 18 19 employees of the water utility of such city or village acting within the scope of their employment. 20

21 Sec. 128. Section 18-1912, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

18-1912 The city or village plumbing inspector shall inspect all 23 24 plumbing work in process of construction, alteration, or repair within the inspector's his respective jurisdiction, and for which a permit 25 either has or has not been granted, and shall report to the plumbing said 26 board all violations of any  $law_{L} \rightarrow r$  ordinance, or rule or regulation of 27 28 the <u>plumbing</u> board, in connection with the plumbing work being done, and also shall perform such other appropriate duties as may be required of 29 such inspector him by the plumbing said board. If necessary, the mayor, 30 by the consent of the <u>city</u> council, the city manager, or the <u>chairperson</u> 31

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<u>of the village chairman and</u> board of trustees, shall employ one or more assistant inspectors, who shall be <del>practical</del> licensed plumbers, to assist in the performance of the duties of the <u>plumbing</u> inspector.

Sec. 129. Section 18-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

6 18-1913 The <u>plumbing</u> inspector shall be required to stop any 7 plumbing work not being done in accordance with the requirements of the 8 rules and regulations of the <u>plumbing</u> board. The ; and the plumbing board 9 shall have the power to cause plumbing to be removed, if, after notice to 10 the owner or plumber doing the work, the <u>plumbing</u> board shall find the 11 work or any part thereof to be defective.

Sec. 130. Section 18-1915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-1915 The State of Nebraska shall permit cities and villages to 14 collect permit fees and inspect all sanitary plumbing installed or 15 repaired, except for a single-family dwelling or a farm or ranch 16 17 structure, within the State of Nebraska outside of the corporate limits or extraterritorial\_zoning jurisdiction of cities and villages. The city 18 or village nearest the construction site shall have jurisdiction to 19 collect such permit fees and conduct the inspection of the sanitary 20 plumbing. If such the city or village has a plumbing ordinance in force 21 22 and effect, such ordinance will govern the installation of the sanitary plumbing. If there is no plumbing city ordinance in effect for such city 23 24 or village, the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code accredited by the American 25 National Standards Institute shall apply to all buildings except singlefamily dwellings and farm and ranch structures. 26

27 Any code or ordinance enacted by a city or village which is at least 28 equal to the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code accredited by the American 29 National Standards Institute shall take preference over the provisions of 30 the immediately preceding sentence.

31 Sec. 131. Section 18-1919, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

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1 amended to read:

18-1919 Nothing in sections 18-1915 to 18-1919 shall be construed to require an employee working for a single employer as part of such

employer's full-time staff and not holding himself <u>or herself</u> out to the
public for hire to hold a license while acting within the scope of <del>his</del>
employment<u>for such employer</u>.

Sec. 132. Section 18-2003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-2003 In order to defray the costs and expenses of the improvements authorized by sections 18-2001 and 18-2002, the mayor and 10 <u>city</u> council or <u>chairperson</u> <del>chairman</del> and <u>village</u> board of trustees, as 11 the case may be, may levy and collect special taxes and assessments upon 12 13 the lots and parcels of real estate adjacent to or abutting upon the 14 portion of the street or alley thus improved, or which may be specially benefited by such improvements, notwithstanding that the same may be 15 16 unplatted and not subdivided. The ; and the method of levying, 17 equalizing, and collecting such special assessments, and generally financing such improvements by bond issues and other means, shall be as 18 provided by law for paving and street improvements in such city or 19 village municipality. For the purpose of paying the cost of street 20 improvements as provided in section 18-2001, the mayor and <u>city</u> council 21 22 or chairperson chairman and village board of trustees, as the case may 23 be, shall have the power, after the improvements have been completed and 24 accepted, to issue negotiable bonds of such city or village to be called 25 Paving Bonds, payable in not exceeding fifteen years and bearing interest payable annually or semiannually, which may be sold by the city or 26 village for not less than the par value of such bonds thereof. For the 27 28 purpose of making partial payments as the work progresses, warrants bearing interest may be issued by the <u>city council or village board of</u> 29 trustees governing body of the city or village upon certificates of the 30 31 engineer in charge showing the amount of work completed and materials

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necessarily purchased and delivered for the orderly and 1 proper 2 continuation of the project, in a sum not exceeding ninety-five percent of the cost thereof until the work has been completed and accepted by the 3 city or village, at which time a warrant for the balance of the amount 4 may be issued, which warrants shall be redeemed and paid upon the sale of 5 the bonds or from any other funds available. The city or village shall 6 7 pay to the contractor interest at the rate of eight percent per annum on the amounts due on partial and final payments beginning forty-five days 8 9 after the certification of the amounts due by the engineer in charge and approval by the <u>city council or village board of trustees</u> governing body, 10 and running until the date that the warrant is tendered to the 11 contractor. All special assessments which may be levied upon property 12 13 specially benefited by such work or improvements shall, when collected, be set aside and constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the 14 interest and principal of such bonds. There shall be levied annually upon 15 16 all taxable property in such city or village a tax which, together with 17 such sinking fund derived from special assessments, shall be sufficient to meet payments of interest and principal as the same become due. 18

Sec. 133. Section 18-2004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

18-2004 Nothing in sections 18-2001 to 18-2004 shall be construed to repeal or amend any statutes except those hereinafter specifically repealed, and sections 18-2001 to 18-2004 shall be <u>supplemental to and in</u> addition to any other laws of the State of Nebraska related to street <u>improvements construed as an independent and complete act</u>. Other statutes may be relied upon, if need be, to supplement and effectuate the purposes of sections 18-2001 to 18-2004.

28 Sec. 134. Section 18-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 29 amended to read:

30 18-2005 The <u>city council</u> governing body of any city shall have
 31 concurrent and joint jurisdiction with the county board of any county and

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1 the governing body of any other municipality over any street which is 2 contiguous to and forms a common boundary between such city and any county or municipality. The <u>city council</u> governing body of <u>such</u> any city 3 4 shall have the right and authority to exercise all powers over such 5 street as it may over streets within its corporate limits with the cooperation and concurrence of the county board or the governing body of 6 7 any other municipality. Nothing in this section herein shall be construed as granting any power of annexation which is not otherwise granted by 8 9 law.

Sec. 135. Section 18-2123, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2123 Upon a determination, by resolution, of the governing body 12 13 of the city in which such land is located, that the acquisition and development of undeveloped vacant land, not within a substandard and or 14 blighted area, is essential to the proper clearance or redevelopment of 15 16 substandard and or blighted areas or a necessary part of the general 17 community redevelopment program of the city, or that the acquisition and development of land outside the city, but within a radius of three miles 18 19 thereof, is necessary or convenient to the proper clearance or redevelopment of one or more substandard and or blighted areas within the 20 city or is a necessary adjunct to the general community redevelopment 21 program of the city, the acquisition, planning, and preparation for 22 23 development or disposal of such land shall constitute a redevelopment 24 project which may be undertaken by the authority in the manner provided in the <u>Community Development Law</u> foregoing sections. 25

26 Sec. 136. Section 18-2124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 18-2124 An authority may issue bonds from time to time in its 29 discretion for any of its corporate purposes, including the payment of 30 principal and interest upon any advances for surveys and plans for 31 redevelopment projects. An authority may also issue refunding bonds for

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1 the purpose of paying, retiring, or otherwise refinancing or in exchange for any or all of the principal or interest upon bonds previously issued 2 by the authority. An authority may issue such types of bonds as it may 3 4 determine, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, 5 bonds on which the principal and interest are payable: (1) Exclusively from the income, proceeds, and revenue of the redevelopment project 6 7 financed with proceeds of such bonds; (2) exclusively from the income, proceeds, and revenue of any of its redevelopment projects whether or not 8 9 they are financed in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds; 10 (3) exclusively from its revenue and income, including any special assessment levied pursuant to section 18-1722 and such tax revenue or 11 receipts as may be herein authorized under the Community Development Law, 12 13 including those which may be pledged under section 18-2150, and from such 14 grants and loans as may be received; or (4) from all or part of the income, proceeds, and revenue enumerated in subdivisions (1), (2), and 15 16 (3) of this section. Any such bonds may be additionally secured by a 17 pledge of any loan, grant, or contributions, or parts thereof, from the federal government or other source or a mortgage of any redevelopment 18 project or projects of the authority. The authority shall not pledge the 19 credit or taxing power of the state or any political subdivision thereof, 20 except such tax receipts as may be authorized under this section or 21 pledged under section 18-2150, or place any lien or encumbrance on any 22 property owned by the state, county, or city used by the authority. 23

24 Sec. 137. Section 18-2131, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-2131 An authority <u>may will have power</u> by <u>its</u> resolution, trust indenture, mortgage, lease, or other <u>instrument</u>, <u>contract to</u> confer upon any obligee holding or representing a specified amount in bonds, the right, in addition to all rights that may otherwise be conferred, upon the happening of an event of default as defined in such resolution or instruments, by suit, action, or proceeding in any court of competent

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jurisdiction: (1) To cause possession of any redevelopment project or any 1 2 part thereof, title to which is in the authority, to be surrendered to any such obligee; (2) to obtain the appointment of a receiver of any 3 4 redevelopment project of such said authority or any part thereof, title to which is in the authority, and of the rents and profits therefrom. If 5 such receiver be appointed, the receiver he may enter and take possession 6 7 of, carry out, operate, and maintain such project or any part thereof and collect and receive all fees, rents, revenue, or other charges thereafter 8 9 arising from such project therefrom, and shall keep such money in a separate account or accounts and apply the same in accordance with the 10 obligations of such said authority as the court shall direct; and (3) to 11 require the authority and the members, officers, agents, and employees 12 13 thereof to account as if it and they were the trustees of an express 14 trust.

Sec. 138. Section 18-2133, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

17 18-2133 An obligee of an authority shall have the right in addition 18 to all other rights which may be conferred upon such obligee, subject 19 only to any contractual restrictions binding upon such obligee:

(1) By mandamus, suit, action, or proceeding at law or in equity to compel <u>such said</u> authority and the members, officers, agents, or employees thereof to perform each and every term, provision, and covenant contained in any contract of <u>such said</u> authority with or for the benefit of such obligee, and to require the carrying out of any or all such covenants and agreements to the authority and the fulfillment of all duties imposed upon the authority by the Community Development Law; and

(2) By suit, action, or proceeding in equity to enjoin any acts or
things which may be unlawful, or the violation of any of the rights of
such obligee of the authority.

30 Sec. 139. Section 18-2135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-2135 In any contract for financial assistance with the federal 2 government, an the authority may obligate itself, which obligation shall specifically enforceable and shall not constitute a mortgage, 3 be 4 notwithstanding any other laws, to convey to the federal government possession of or title to a the redevelopment project and land therein to 5 which such contract relates which is owned by the authority, upon the 6 occurrence of a substantial default, as defined in such contract, with 7 respect to the covenants or conditions to which the authority is subject. 8 9 <u>Such</u>; such contract may further provide that in case of such conveyance, the federal government may complete, operate, manage, lease, convey, or 10 otherwise deal with the redevelopment project in accordance with the 11 terms of such contract, if ; Provided, that the contract requires that, 12 13 as soon as practicable after the federal government is satisfied that all defaults with respect to the redevelopment project have been cured and 14 that the redevelopment project will thereafter be operated in accordance 15 with the terms of the contract, the federal government shall reconvey to 16 17 the authority the redevelopment project as then constituted.

Sec. 140. Section 18-2136, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2136 All property including funds of an authority shall be exempt 20 from levy and sale by virtue of an execution, and no execution or other 21 judicial process shall issue against such property the same nor shall 22 23 judgment against an authority be a charge or lien upon its property. 24 The ; Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to or 25 limit the right of obligees to foreclose or otherwise enforce any mortgage of an authority or the right of obligees to pursue any remedies 26 for the enforcement of any pledge or lien given by an authority on its 27 rents, fees, grants, or revenue. 28

29 Sec. 141. Section 18-2201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31 18-2201 <u>The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the</u> The

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1 furnishing of community antenna television service is hereby declared to 2 be a business affected with such a public interest that it must be regulated locally. All municipalities in Nebraska are hereby authorized 3 and empowered, by ordinance, to regulate, to prohibit, and to consent to 4 the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance within their 5 corporate limits of all persons or entities furnishing community antenna 6 television service. All municipalities, acting through the mayor and <u>city</u> 7 council or village board of trustees, shall have power to require every 8 9 individual or entity offering such service, subject to reasonable rules and regulations, to furnish any person applying therefor along the lines 10 of its wires, cables, or other conduits, with television and radio 11 service. The mayor and <u>city</u> council or <u>village</u> board of trustees shall 12 have power to prescribe reasonable quality standards for such service and 13 14 shall regulate rate increases so as to provide reasonable and compensatory rents or rates for such service including installation 15 16 charges. In the regulation of rate increases the procedure provided in section 18-2206 shall be used in any franchise granted or renewed after 17 May 23, 1979. Such person or entity furnishing community antenna 18 television service shall be required to carry all broadcast signals as 19 prescribed by franchise and permitted to be carried by Federal 20 Communications Commission regulations during the full period of the 21 22 broadcast day of its stations.

Sec. 142. Section 18-2202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

18-2202 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to construct, install, operate, or maintain in or along the streets, alleys, and public ways, or elsewhere within the corporate limits of any municipality, a community antenna television service without first obtaining, from such municipality involved, a franchise authorizing the same. The ; and the governing bodies of such municipalities are hereby authorized to grant such a franchise and such franchise shall be

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effective and binding without submission to the electors and approval by a majority vote thereof, notwithstanding any other law or home rule charter, for a term of not to exceed twenty-five years upon such reasonable conditions as the circumstances may require.

5 Sec. 143. Section 18-2203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is6 amended to read:

7 18-2203 Municipalities may by ordinance require the filing with the 8 city <u>clerk</u> or village clerk by the person, firm, or corporation 9 constructing, installing, operating, or maintaining <del>such</del> community 10 antenna television service of a proper map showing the exact location of 11 all underground cables and equipment, together with a statement showing 12 the exact nature of <u>such cables and equipment</u> the same.

Sec. 144. Section 18-2204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2204 Municipalities may, by appropriate ordinance, levy an annual 15 occupation tax against any person, firm, or corporation now maintaining 16 17 and operating any community antenna television service within its boundaries; and may levy an annual occupation tax against any persons, 18 firms, or corporations hereafter constructing, installing, operating, or 19 community antenna television service. 20 maintaining such Any such occupation tax so levied shall be due and payable on May 1 of each year 21 22 to the city treasurer or village treasurer of such city or village.

Sec. 145. Section 18-2206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

18-2206 (1) Approval of a rate increase for a person or entity furnishing community antenna television service shall be required and shall be made by the <u>city</u> council or <u>village</u> board of trustees which granted the franchise to such person or entity. Such approval shall be made by ordinance or resolution.

30 (2) Prior to voting on a rate increase the <u>city</u> council or <u>village</u>
 31 board of trustees shall hold at least two public meetings at which the

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ratepayers and the franchisee may comment on the programming content and
 rates of such franchisee.

3 (3) At least thirty days prior to the first public meeting held to 4 examine programming content and rates, each ratepayer or subscriber shall 5 be notified by a billing statement or other written notice when and where 6 such public meeting shall be held. Such notice shall also provide 7 information as to what rates are proposed by the franchisee for 8 consideration by the <u>city</u> council or <u>village</u> board of trustees.

9 Sec. 146. Section 18-2301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 10 amended to read:

11 18-2301 For purposes of As used in sections 18-2301 to 18-2315, 12 unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Air conditioning air distribution <u>means</u> shall mean the control
of any one or more of the following factors affecting both physical and
chemical conditions of the atmosphere within a structure: Temperature,
humidity, movement and purity;

17 (2) Furnace <u>means</u> shall mean a self-contained, flue-connected or 18 vented, appliance intended primarily to supply heated air through ducts 19 to spaces remote from or adjacent to the appliance location as well as to 20 the space in which it is located;

(3) Contractor <u>means</u> shall mean a holder of a valid certificate of
 competency for air conditioning air distribution;

(4) Ventilating system <u>means</u> shall mean each process of removing air
by natural gravity exhauster or mechanical exhaust fan from any space;
and

(5) Kitchen exhaust system <u>means</u> shall mean a duct system or air
 passageway for removal of kitchen air contaminates by mechanical means.

Sec. 147. Section 18-2302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

30 18-2302 In any city or village, there may be a board for the
 31 examination of air conditioning air distribution contractors for the

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issuance of certificates of competency and for such other duties and 1 2 responsibilities as may be prescribed by sections 18-2301 to 18-2315. Such board shall consist of not more than five members all of whom shall 3 4 be appointed by the mayor, the chairperson chairman of the village board of trustees, or the city manager with the approval of the city council or 5 village board of trustees. All vacancies occurring on 6 the air conditioning air distribution board by reason of death, disability, or 7 inability of a member to serve shall be filled in the same manner as the 8 9 original appointment. The qualifications for members of the air 10 conditioning air distribution board may be prescribed by the city council or in the case of a village, by the board of trustees. 11

Sec. 148. Section 18-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2303 Members of The persons who compose the air conditioning air 14 distribution board shall, within ten days after their appointments, meet 15 in their respective city or village building or place designated by the 16 17 city council, city manager, or village chairman and board of trustees and organize by the selection of one of their members as chairperson 18 chairman, one as vice-chairperson vice-chairman, and one as secretary. It 19 shall be the duty of the secretary to keep full, true, and correct 20 minutes and records of all meetings, applications for examinations, 21 examinations given and results thereof, and certificates issued, which 22 records shall be open for free inspection by all persons during business 23 24 hours.

25 Sec. 149. Section 18-2304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-2304 The appointment of the air conditioning air distribution 28 board shall be for staggered terms of three years as provided by the city 29 council or <u>village</u> board of trustees <del>of the respective city or village</del> 30 with the appointments to be made in December of each year. Compensation 31 shall be determined by the city council or <u>village</u> <del>chairman and</del> board of

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1 trustees.

Sec. 150. Section 18-2305, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-2305 The air conditioning air distribution board shall meet at 4 least once a month at a fixed time as determined by the city council or 5 village chairman and board of trustees. The board shall adopt rules for 6 7 the examination at such times and places of all persons who desire a certificate of competency to engage in the business of designing, 8 9 installing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or adding to any air 10 conditioning air distribution system, furnace, restaurant appliance hood and duct system, or other exhaust or intake ventilating system within the 11 city or village and also within the area of extraterritorial zoning 12 jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of cities of the metropolitan 13 class. 14

Sec. 151. Section 18-2306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 18-2306 The air conditioning air distribution board, subject to the approval of the city council or village board of trustees, may adopt 18 rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the state or the 19 ordinances of the city or village, for the designing, installing, 20 21 altering, inspecting<u>,</u> or repairing of an air conditioning air 22 distribution and ventilating system placed in or in connection with any building in such city or village or within the area of extraterritorial 23 24 zoning jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of cities of the 25 metropolitan class describing the kind and size of materials to be used in such systems and the manner in which such work shall be done. All 26 plans and specifications for any such system to be placed in a building 27 28 shall be first submitted to the board or other body designated by the city council or village chairman and board of trustees for its approval 29 before such system it shall be installed. 30

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Sec. 152. Section 18-2307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 18-2307 (1) Any person desiring to engage in business as an air conditioning air distribution contractor in a city or village which has 3 4 established an air conditioning air distribution board or within the 5 extraterritorial area of zoning jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of cities of the metropolitan class if such city it has such a board, 6 7 shall secure a certificate of competency. Any ; and any person desiring to engage in the business, or to proceed to install, alter, repair, 8 9 clean, or add to or change in any manner any air conditioning air distribution system or any furnace, restaurant appliance hood and duct 10 system, or other exhaust or intake ventilating system, within such city 11 or village or within the extraterritorial area of zoning jurisdiction 12 13 outside the corporate limits of cities of the metropolitan class shall be the holder of a certificate of competency or in the direct employ of a 14 15 person, firm, or corporation holding such certificate.

16 (2) The air conditioning air distribution board shall, upon written 17 application, examine the applicant at its next meeting or at an adjourned meeting as to his or her practical and theoretical knowledge of the 18 designing and installing of residential, commercial, and industrial air 19 conditioning air distribution and ventilating systems and, if found 20 competent, deliver to the applicant a certificate of competency. If the 21 applicant is an individual, the application for a certificate of 22 23 competency shall include the applicant's social security number.

24 Sec. 153. Section 18-2308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-2308 Nothing contained in sections 18-2301 to 18-2315 shall be construed to prohibit a homeowner from personally performing air conditioning air distribution work on the property in which <u>the homeowner</u> he resides, and <u>the homeowner</u> he will not be required to have a certificate of competency to do such work, but the work must conform to the rules and regulations set forth by the city council or <u>village</u>

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chairman and board of trustees for such work as provided by the
 provisions of sections 18-2301 to 18-2315.

3 Sec. 154. Section 18-2309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

18-2309 All applicants who have successfully passed <u>an</u> 5 the examination may, prior to receiving a certificate of competency, be 6 7 required by the air conditioning air distribution board to furnish a corporate surety bond in the penal sum of not more than ten thousand 8 9 dollars conditioned that the applicant shall, in all material furnished by the applicant him furnished and in all work performed by the applicant 10 him done and performed within the city or village or within the 11 extraterritorial area of zoning jurisdiction outside the corporate limits 12 of cities of the metropolitan class, in installing, altering, and 13 repairing any air conditioning air distribution system or ventilating 14 system, strictly comply with all regulations of the air conditioning air 15 distribution board and ordinances of the city or village related thereto. 16 17 Sec. 155. Section 18-2310, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

18 amended to read:

18-2310 All original certificates of competency may be renewed and 19 all renewed certificates of competency may be renewed by the air 20 conditioning air distribution board before the dates of their expiration. 21 22 Such renewal certificates shall be granted without a reexamination upon the written application of the certificate holder filed with the board 23 24 and showing that the certificate holder his purposes and condition remain 25 unchanged unless it is made to appear by affidavit before the board that the certificate holder is no longer competent or entitled to such renewal 26 27 certificate, in which event the renewal certificate shall not be granted until the applicant has undergone the examination required by section 28 18-2307. 29

30 Sec. 156. Section 18-2311, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-2311 All original and renewal certificates shall be good for one 2 year from their dates, but any certificate may be revoked by the <u>air</u> conditioning air distribution board at any time after a hearing upon 3 4 sufficient notice after sworn charges are filed with the board showing the holder of the certificate to be then incompetent, guilty of willful 5 breach of the rules, regulations, or requirements of the board, or of the 6 laws or ordinances relating thereto, or of other causes sufficient for 7 the revocation of the certificate as determined by the city council or 8 9 village chairman and board of trustees of each city or village of which charges and hearing the holder of such certificate shall have written 10 notice. 11

12 Sec. 157. Section 18-2312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

18-2312 It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as 14 an air conditioning air distribution contractor or to engage in the 15 business of installing, altering, repairing, cleaning, adding to, or 16 changing in any manner any air conditioning air distribution system or 17 any furnace, any restaurant appliance hood or its duct system, or any 18 other exhaust or intake ventilating system within a city or village 19 having an air conditioning air distribution board or within the 20 extraterritorial area of zoning jurisdiction outside the corporate limits 21 of cities of the metropolitan class having such a board unless such 22 person he holds a certificate or is employed by a person, firm, or 23 24 corporation holding such a certificate.

25 Sec. 158. Section 18-2313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-2313 Fees for the original certificates, renewal certificates, 28 and permits shall be fixed by the city council or <u>village</u> <del>chairman and</del> 29 board of trustees of each city or village having an air conditioning air 30 distribution board. The fee for the original or renewal certificate shall 31 in no event be more than fifty dollars.

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Sec. 159. Section 18-2314, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 18-2314 Any city or village having an air conditioning air distribution board shall be authorized to employ inspectors who shall 4 inspect all parts of any air conditioning air distribution system or 5 ventilating or exhaust system in process of construction, alteration, or 6 7 repair within the respective jurisdiction of such city or village. Any such system found not to comply with the regulations of the air 8 9 conditioning air distribution board or ordinances of the city or village shall be reported to the board and if not corrected in accordance with 10 requirements of the rules and regulations of the board and ordinances of 11 the city or village shall be removed, if, after notice to the owner or 12 13 contractor or certificate holder doing the work, the board shall find the work or any part of such work thereof to be defective or not in 14 compliance with such rules and regulations or ordinances. 15

Sec. 160. Section 18-2315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 18-2315 Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 19 18-2301 to 18-2315 or of any <u>rules or regulations adopted or ordinances</u> 20 <u>passed pursuant to such sections lawful ordinance</u> shall be deemed guilty 21 of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more 22 than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than six months, or 23 be both so fined and imprisoned, and as a part of such punishment<u>, such</u> 24 <u>person's their</u> license may be revoked.

25 Sec. 161. Section 18-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-2402 <u>The Legislature hereby finds and declares (1)</u> It is 28 declared that cooperative action by <u>municipalities</u> cities and villages of 29 this state in the fields of the supplying, treatment, and distribution of 30 water, the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power 31 and energy, and the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewerage and

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solid waste is in the public interest; (2) that there is a need in order 1 2 to insure the stability and continued viability of such systems to provide for a means by which municipalities may cooperate with one 3 4 another in the financing, acquisition, and operation of such facilities and interests therein and rights thereto in all ways possible; (3) that 5 the creation of agencies through which the municipalities of this state 6 7 may act cooperatively is in the best interest of this state and the inhabitants thereof and is for a public use and public purpose; and (4) 8 9 that the necessity in the public interest for the provisions included in 10 the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act sections 18-2401 to 18-2485 is declared as a matter of legislative determination. It is further declared 11 that the intent of the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act sections 12 18-2401 to 18-2485 is to replace competition between participating 13 municipalities in connection with the projects described in the Municipal 14 Cooperative Financing Act sections 18-2401 to 18-2485 by allowing such 15 municipalities to combine and cooperate in connection with 16 the 17 acquisition, construction, operation, financing, and all other functions authorized by the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act sections 18-2401 to 18 18-2485 with respect to such projects. 19

Sec. 162. Section 18-2409, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

18-2409 Governing body shall mean the <u>city</u> council in the case of a city, the <u>village</u> board of trustees in the case of a village, the equivalent body in the case of a municipality incorporated under the laws of another state, and the board in the case of an agency primarily comprised of municipalities.

27 Sec. 163. Section 18-2443, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

29 18-2443 Prior to advertisement for sealed bids, plans and 30 specifications for the proposed work or materials shall be prepared and 31 filed at the principal office or place of business of the agency. Such

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advertisement shall be made in three issues, not less than seven days 1 2 between issues, in one or more legal newspapers in or of general circulation in the municipality or county where the principal office or 3 4 place of business of the agency is located, or if no newspaper is so 5 published then in a newspaper qualified to carry legal notices having general circulation therein, and in such additional newspapers or trade 6 7 or technical periodicals as may be selected by the board in order to give proper notice of the receiving of bids. Such advertisement shall 8 9 designate the nature of the work proposed to be done or materials proposed to be purchased and  $\tau$  that the plans and specifications therefor 10 may be inspected at the office of the agency, giving the location 11 thereof, and shall designate the time within which bids shall be filed  $\tau$ 12 13 and the date, hour, and place such bids the same shall be opened.

14 Sec. 164. Section 18-2476, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 15 amended to read:

16 18-2476 The board may provide for the publication of any resolution 17 or other proceeding adopted by it pursuant to <u>the Municipal Cooperative</u> 18 <u>Financing Act</u> sections 18-2401 to 18-2485, in a <u>legal</u> newspaper <u>published</u> 19 <u>in or</u> of general circulation <del>published</del> in the municipality or county 20 where the principal office or place of business of the agency is located<sub>7</sub> 21 or if no newspaper is so published, then in a newspaper qualified to 22 carry legal notices having general circulation therein.

Sec. 165. Section 18-2501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

25 18-2501 (1) Sections 18-2501 to 18-2538 and section 167 of this act
26 shall be known and may be cited as the Municipal Initiative and
27 <u>Referendum Act.</u>

28 (2) (1) The powers of initiative and referendum are hereby reserved 29 to the qualified electors of each <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> in 30 the state. <u>The Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> Sections 18-2501 31 to 18-2537 shall govern the use of initiative to  $enact_{\tau}$  and the use of

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referendum to amend or repeal measures affecting the governance of all
 <u>municipalities</u> <u>municipal</u> <u>subdivisions</u> in the state, except those
 operating under home rule charter and as specified in section 18-2537.

4 <u>(3)</u> <del>(2)</del> Cities operating under home rule charter shall provide, by 5 charter provision or ordinance, for the exercise of the powers of 6 initiative and referendum within <u>such</u> <del>the</del> cities. Nothing in <u>the</u> 7 <u>Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> <del>sections 18-2501 to 18-2537</del> shall 8 be construed to prevent such cities from adopting any or all of the 9 provisions of <u>the act</u> <del>sections 18-2501 to 18-2537</del>.

Sec. 166. Section 18-2502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 18-2502 For purposes of <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> 13 <del>sections 18-2501 to 18-2538</del>, the definitions in sections 18-2503 to 14 18-2511 <u>and section 167 of this act</u>, unless the context otherwise 15 requires, shall apply.

Sec. 167. <u>Chief executive officer means the mayor, the city</u>
 <u>manager, or the chairperson of the board of trustees of a municipality.</u>

Sec. 168. Section 18-2504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 18-2504 City clerk <u>means</u> shall mean the city <u>clerk</u>, or village
21 clerk, or <u>other</u> the municipal official in charge of elections.

Sec. 169. Section 18-2505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-2505 Governing body <u>means</u> shall mean the <u>city council or village</u>
 <u>board of trustees</u> <del>legislative authority</del> of any <u>municipality</u> <del>municipal</del>
 <del>subdivision</del> subject to <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u>
 <del>sections 18-2501 to 18-2537</del>.

Sec. 170. Section 18-2506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

30 18-2506 Measure means an ordinance, charter provision, or resolution
 31 which is within the legislative authority of the governing body of a

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<u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> to pass and which is not excluded from the operation of referendum by the exceptions in section 18-2528. Measure does not include any action permitted by the Nebraska Advantage Transformational Tourism and Redevelopment Act.

5 Sec. 171. Section 18-2507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2020, is amended to read:

7 18-2507 <u>Municipality means</u> <u>Municipal subdivision shall mean</u> all 8 cities<u>and villages</u>, not operating under home rule charters, of 9 metropolitan, primary, first, and second classes, including those 10 functioning under the commission and city manager plans of government<sub> $\tau$ </sub> 11 and villages.

12 Sec. 172. Section 18-2518, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

18-2518 (1) Signed petitions shall be filed with the city clerk for 14 signature verification. Upon the filing of a petition, a <u>municipality</u> 15 city, upon passage of a resolution by the governing body of such 16 17 municipality city, and the county clerk or election commissioner of the county in which such municipality <del>city</del> is located may by mutual agreement 18 19 provide that the county clerk or election commissioner shall ascertain whether the petition is signed by the requisite number of voters. The 20 <u>municipality</u> city shall reimburse the county for any costs incurred by 21 the county clerk or election commissioner. When the verifying official 22 has determined that one hundred percent of the necessary signatures 23 24 required by the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act sections 18-2501 25 to 18-2537 have been obtained, he or she shall notify the municipal subdivision's governing body of the municipality of that fact<sub> $\tau$ </sub> and shall 26 immediately forward to the governing body a copy of the petition. 27

(2) In order for an initiative or referendum proposal to be
submitted to the governing body and the voters, the necessary signatures
shall be on file with the city clerk within six months from the date the
prospective petition was authorized for circulation. If the necessary

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1 signatures are not obtained by such date, the petition shall be void.

Sec. 173. Section 18-2520, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

4 18-2520 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the <u>chief</u> executive officer and governing body of a <u>municipality</u> 5 municipal subdivision may at any time, by resolution, provide for the 6 7 submission to a direct vote of the electors of any measure pending before it, passed by it, including an override of any veto, if necessary, or 8 9 enacted by the electors under the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act sections 18-2501 to 18-2538 and may provide in such resolution that such 10 measure shall be submitted at a special election or the next regularly 11 scheduled primary or general election. Immediately upon the passage of 12 any such resolution for submission, the city clerk shall cause such 13 measure to be submitted to a direct vote of the electors, at the time 14 specified in such resolution and in the manner provided in the Municipal 15 Initiative and Referendum Act sections 18-2501 to 18-2538 for submission 16 17 of measures upon proposals and petitions filed by voters. Such matter shall become law if approved by a majority of the votes cast. 18

19 (2) The <u>chief</u> executive officer and governing body of a <u>municipality</u>
 20 <u>municipal subdivision</u> shall not submit to a direct vote of the electors
 21 the question of whether the <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal</u> <u>subdivision</u> should
 22 initiate proceedings for the condemnation of a natural gas system.

Sec. 174. Section 18-2521, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

18-2521 Elections under <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u>
sections 18-2501 to 18-2538, either at a special election or regularly
scheduled primary or general election, shall be called by the city clerk.
Any special election to be conducted by the election commissioner or
county clerk shall be subject to section 32-405.

The city clerk shall cause notice of every such election to be printed in one or more <u>legal</u> newspapers <u>in or of general circulation</u> in

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such municipality municipal subdivision at least once not less than 1 2 thirty days prior to such election and also posted in the office of the city clerk and in at least three conspicuous places in such municipality 3 4 municipal subdivision at least thirty days prior to such election. The 5 notice shall be substantially as follows: Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the ..... day 6 7 of ..... 20...., at (identify polling place or precinct) of the city (or village) of ....., Nebraska, an election will 8 9 be held at which there will be submitted to the electors of the 10 municipality for their approval or rejection, the following measures, propositions, 11 or ..... 12 issues: 13 measures, propositions, or issues), which election will be open at 8 a.m. 14 and will continue open until 8 p.m., of the same day. 15 Dated this ..... day of ..... 20.... 16 17 City (or Village) Clerk of the City (or Village) of 18 ..... Nebraska. 19 The city clerk shall make available for photocopying a copy in 20 pamphlet form of measures initiated or referred. Such notice provided in 21 22 this section shall designate where such a copy in pamphlet form may be obtained. 23

24 Sec. 175. Section 18-2522, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

18-2522 All ballots for use in special elections under <u>the Municipal</u> <u>Initiative and Referendum Act</u> <u>sections</u> <u>18-2501</u> to <u>18-2538</u> shall be prepared by the city clerk and furnished by the governing body, unless the governing body contracts with the county for such service, and shall be in form the same as provided by law for election of the <u>chief</u> executive officer and governing body of such <u>municipality</u> <del>municipal</del>

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subdivision. When ordinances under <u>the Municipal Initiative and</u>
 <u>Referendum Act</u> such sections are submitted to the electors at a regularly
 scheduled primary or general election, they shall be placed upon the
 official ballots as provided in <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum</u>
 <u>Act</u> sections 18-2501 to 18-2538.

Sec. 176. Section 18-2523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

8 18-2523 (1) The power of initiative allows citizens the right to 9 enact measures affecting the governance of each <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal</u> 10 <del>subdivision</del> in the state. An initiative proposal shall not have as its 11 primary or sole purpose the repeal or modification of existing law except 12 if such repeal or modification is ancillary to and necessary for the 13 adoption and effective operation of the initiative measure.

14 (2) An initiative shall not be effective if the direct or indirect 15 effect of the passage of such initiative measure shall be to repeal or 16 alter an existing law, or portion thereof, which is not subject to 17 referendum or subject only to limited referendum pursuant to section 18 18-2528.

(3) The power of initiative shall extend to a measure to provide for 19 the condemnation of an investor-owned natural 20 gas system by a <u>municipality</u> municipal subdivision when the condemnation would, 21 if 22 initiated by the governing body of the municipality municipal subdivision, be governed by the provisions of the Municipal Natural Gas 23 24 System Condemnation Act.

(4) An initiative measure to provide for the condemnation of an investor-owned natural gas system by a <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> shall be a measure to require the <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> to initiate and pursue condemnation proceedings subject to the provisions of the Municipal Natural Gas System Condemnation Act.

30 Sec. 177. Section 18-2524, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-2524 Whenever an initiative petition bearing signatures equal in number to at least fifteen percent of the qualified electors of a 2 municipality municipal subdivision has been filed with the city clerk and 3 verified pursuant to section 18-2518, it shall be the duty of the 4 municipal subdivision's governing body of such municipality to consider 5 passage of the measure contained in the petition, including an override 6 7 of any veto, if necessary. If the governing body fails to pass the measure without amendment, including an override of any veto, if 8 9 necessary, within thirty days from the date it received notification pursuant to section 18-2518, the city clerk shall cause the measure to be 10 submitted to a vote of the people at the next regularly scheduled primary 11 or general election held within the <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u>. 12 13 If the governing body desires to submit the measure to a vote of the people at a special election prior to the next regularly scheduled 14 primary or general election held within the *municipality municipal* 15 16 subdivision, the governing body shall, by resolution, direct the city 17 clerk to cause the measure to be submitted at a special election. Such resolution shall not be subject to referendum or limited referendum. 18

Sec. 178. Section 18-2525, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

18-2525 Whenever an initiative petition bearing signatures equal in 21 number to at least twenty percent of the qualified electors of a 22 municipality municipal subdivision, which petition requests that a 23 24 special election be called to submit the initiative measure to a vote of 25 the people, has been filed with the city clerk and verified pursuant to section 18-2518, it shall be the duty of the municipal subdivision's 26 governing body of such municipality to consider passage of the measure 27 28 contained in the petition, including an override of any veto, if necessary. If the governing body fails to pass the measure, without 29 amendment, including an override of any veto, if necessary, within thirty 30 days from the date it received notification pursuant to section 18-2518, 31

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the city clerk shall cause the measure to be submitted to a vote of the people at a special election called for such purpose. Subject to the provisions of section 18-2521, the date of such election shall <u>be set</u> <u>during the first available month that complies with sections 32-405 and 32-559 not be less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date the governing body received notification pursuant to section 18-2518.</u>

Sec. 179. Section 18-2526, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 18-2526 If a majority of the voters voting on an the initiative 10 measure pursuant to the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act shall vote in favor of such measure, it shall become a valid and binding 11 measure of the <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal</u> <u>subdivision</u> thirty days after 12 certification of the election results, unless the governing body by 13 resolution orders an earlier effective date or the measure itself 14 provides for a later effective date, which resolution shall not be 15 subject to referendum or limited referendum. A measure passed by such 16 method shall not be amended or repealed except by two-thirds majority of 17 the members of the governing body. No such attempt to amend or repeal 18 shall be made within one year from the passage of the measure by the 19 20 electors.

21 Sec. 180. Section 18-2527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

18-2527 The power of referendum allows citizens the right to repeal
 or amend existing measures, or portions thereof, affecting the governance
 of each <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> in the state.

26 Sec. 181. Section 18-2528, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 18-2528 (1) The following measures shall not be subject to 29 referendum or limited referendum:

30 (a) Measures necessary to carry out contractual obligations,
 31 including, but not limited to, those relating to the issuance of or

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1 provided for in bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of 2 indebtedness, for projects previously approved by a measure which was, or 3 is, subject to referendum or limited referendum or previously approved by 4 a measure adopted prior to July 17, 1982;

5 (b) Measures relating to any industrial development projects,
6 subsequent to measures giving initial approval to such projects;

7 (c) Measures adopting proposed budget statements following
8 compliance with procedures set forth in the Nebraska Budget Act;

9 (d) Measures relating to the immediate preservation of the public 10 peace, health, or safety which have been designated as urgent measures by 11 unanimous vote of those present and voting of the municipal subdivision's 12 governing body <u>of the municipality</u> and approved by its <u>chief</u> executive 13 officer;

(e) Measures relating to projects for which notice has been given as provided for in subsection (4) of this section and for which a sufficient referendum petition was not filed within the time limit stated in such notice or which received voter approval after the filing of such petition;

(f) Resolutions directing the city clerk to cause measures to be submitted to a vote of the people at a special election as provided in sections 18-2524 and 18-2529;

(g) Resolutions ordering an earlier effective date for measures
enacted by initiative as provided in section 18-2526;

(h) Measures relating to any facility or system adopted or enacted
pursuant to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act by municipalities
and which are necessary to carry out contractual obligations provided for
in previously issued bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidence of
indebtedness;

(i) Measures that amend, supplement, change, modify, or repeal a
zoning regulation, restriction, or boundary and are subject to protest as
provided in section 14-405 or 19-905;

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1 (j) Measures relating to personnel issues, including, but not 2 limited to, establishment, modification, or elimination of any personnel 3 position, policy, salary, or benefit and any hiring, promotion, demotion, 4 or termination of personnel; and

5 (k) Measures relating to matters subject to the provisions of the6 Municipal Natural Gas System Condemnation Act.

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(2) The following measures shall be subject to limited referendum:

8 (a) Measures in furtherance of a policy of the municipality 9 municipal subdivision or relating to projects previously approved by a measure which was subject to referendum or which was enacted by 10 initiative or has been approved by the voters at an election, except that 11 such measures shall not be subject to referendum or limited referendum 12 13 for a period of one year after any such policy or project was approved at a referendum election, enacted by initiative, or approved by the voters 14 at an election; 15

16 (b) Measures relating to the acquisition, construction, 17 installation, improvement, or enlargement, including the financing or refinancing of the costs, of public ways, public property, utility 18 19 systems, and other capital projects and measures giving initial approval for industrial development projects; 20

(c) Measures setting utility system rates and charges, except for measures necessary to carry out contractual obligations provided for in previously issued bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness, and pay rates and salaries for municipal <del>subdivision</del> employees other than the members of the governing body and the <u>chief</u> executive officer; and

(d) Measures relating to any facility or system adopted or enacted
pursuant to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act by municipalities
except for measures necessary to carry out contractual obligations
provided for in previously issued bonds, notes, warrants, or other
evidence of indebtedness.

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1 (3) Measures subject to limited referendum shall ordinarily take 2 effect thirty days after their passage by the governing body, including an override of any veto, if necessary. Referendum petitions directed at 3 measures subject to limited referendum shall be filed for signature 4 verification pursuant to section 18-2518 within thirty days after such 5 measure's passage by the governing body, including an override of any 6 veto, if necessary, or after notice is first published pursuant to 7 subdivision (4)(c) of this section. If the necessary number of signatures 8 9 as provided in section 18-2529 or 18-2530 has been obtained within the time limitation, the effectiveness of the measure shall be suspended 10 unless approved by the voters. 11

(4) For any measure relating to the acquisition, construction, 12 13 installation, improvement, or enlargement of public ways, public property, utility systems, or other capital projects or any measure 14 relating to any facility or system adopted or enacted pursuant to the 15 16 Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, a municipality may exempt all 17 subsequent measures relating to the same project from the referendum and limited referendum procedures provided for in the Municipal Initiative 18 19 and Referendum Act sections 18-2501 to 18-2537 by the following procedure: 20

(a) By holding a public hearing on the project, the time and place
of such hearing being published at least once not less than five days
prior to the date set for hearing in a <u>legal</u> newspaper <u>in or</u> of general
circulation within the <u>municipality</u> governing body's jurisdiction;

(b) By passage of a measure approving the project, including an
override of a veto if necessary, at a meeting held on any date subsequent
to the date of hearing; and

(c) After passage of such measure, including an override of a veto
 if necessary, by giving notice as follows: (i) For those projects for
 which applicable statutes require an ordinance or resolution of
 necessity, creating a district or otherwise establishing the project,

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1 notice shall be given for such project by including either as part of 2 such ordinance or resolution or as part of any publicized notice 3 concerning such ordinance or resolution a statement that the project as described in the ordinance or resolution is subject to limited referendum 4 5 for a period of thirty days after the first publication of such notice and that, after such thirty-day period, the project and measures related 6 7 to it will not be subject to any further right of referendum; and (ii) for projects for which applicable statutes do not require an ordinance or 8 9 resolution of necessity, notice shall be given by publication of a notice concerning such projects stating in general terms the nature of the 10 project and the engineer's estimate of costs of such project and stating 11 that the project described in the notice is subject to limited referendum 12 13 for a period of thirty days after the first publication of such notice and that, after such thirty-day period, the project and measures related 14 to it will not be subject to any further right of referendum. The notice 15 16 required by subdivision (c)(ii) of this subsection shall be published in 17 at least one <u>legal</u> newspaper <u>in or of general circulation</u> within the municipality municipal subdivision and shall be published not later than 18 19 fifteen days after passage by the governing body, including an override of a veto, if necessary, of a measure approving the project. 20

The right of a <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> to hold such a hearing prior to passage of the measure by the governing body and give such notice after passage of such measure by the governing body to obtain exemption for any particular project in a manner described in this subsection is optional, and no <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal subdivision</u> shall be required to hold such a hearing or give such notice for any particular project.

(5) Nothing in subsections (2) and (4) of this section shall be
construed as subjecting to limited referendum any measure related to
matters subject to the provisions of the Municipal Natural Gas System
Condemnation Act.

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1 (6) All measures, except as provided in subsections (1), (2), and 2 (4) of this section, shall be subject to the referendum procedure at any 3 time after such measure has been passed by the governing body, including 4 an override of a veto, if necessary, or enacted by the voters by 5 initiative.

Sec. 182. Section 18-2529, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-2529 Whenever a referendum petition bearing signatures equal in 8 number to at least fifteen percent of the qualified electors of a 9 municipality municipal subdivision has been filed with the city clerk and 10 verified pursuant to section 18-2518, it shall be the duty of the 11 municipal subdivision's governing body of the municipality to reconsider 12 13 the measure or portion of such measure which is the object of the referendum. If the governing body fails to repeal or amend the measure or 14 portion thereof in the manner proposed by the referendum, including an 15 16 override of any veto, if necessary, within thirty days from the date the governing body receives notification pursuant to section 18-2518, the 17 city clerk shall cause the measure to be submitted to a vote of the 18 people at the next regularly scheduled primary or general election held 19 within the municipality municipal subdivision. If the governing body 20 desires to submit the measure to a vote of the people at a special 21 election prior to the next regularly scheduled primary or general 22 23 election held within the <u>municipality</u> municipal subdivision, the 24 governing body shall, by resolution, direct the <u>city</u> clerk to cause the 25 measure to be submitted at a special election. Such resolution shall not be subject to referendum or limited referendum. 26

27 Sec. 183. Section 18-2530, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

29 18-2530 Whenever a referendum petition bearing signatures equal in 30 number to at least twenty percent of the qualified voters of a 31 <u>municipality</u> <u>municipal</u> <u>subdivision</u>, which petition requests that a

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special election be called to submit the referendum measure to a vote of 1 2 the people, has been filed with the city clerk and verified pursuant to section 18-2518, it shall be the duty of the municipal subdivision's 3 4 governing body of the municipality to reconsider the measure or portion of such measure which is the object of the referendum. If the governing 5 body fails to repeal or amend the measure or portion thereof, in the 6 manner proposed by the referendum, including an override of any veto, if 7 necessary, the city clerk shall cause the measure to be submitted to a 8 9 vote of the people at a special election called for such purpose within thirty days from the date the governing body received notification 10 pursuant to section 18-2518. Subject to the provisions of section 11 18-2521, the date of such special election shall be set during the first 12 13 available month that complies with sections 32-405 and 32-559 not be less 14 than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date the governing body 15 received notification pursuant to section 18-2518.

Sec. 184. Section 18-2532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 18-2532 Whoever knowingly or willfully makes a false affidavit or 19 takes a false oath regarding the qualifications of any person to sign 20 petitions under <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> <del>sections</del> 21 <del>18-2501 to 18-2531</del> shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor with a <u>fine</u> 22 <u>not to exceed limit of three hundred dollars on the fine</u>.

Sec. 185. Section 18-2533, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

25 18-2533 Whoever falsely makes or willfully destroys a petition or 26 any part thereof, or signs a false name thereto, or signs or files any 27 petition knowing the same or any part thereof to be falsely made, or 28 suppresses any petition, or any part thereof, which has been duly filed, 29 pursuant to the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act sections 18-2501 30 to 18-2531 shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor with a fine not to 31 exceed limit of five hundred dollars on the fine.

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Sec. 186. Section 18-2534, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

18-2534 Whoever signs any petition under the Municipal Initiative 3 and Referendum Act sections 18-2501 to 18-2533, knowing that he or she is 4 not a registered voter in the place where such petition is made, aids or 5 abets any other person in doing any of the acts mentioned in this 6 7 section, bribes or gives or pays any money or thing of value to any person directly or indirectly to induce him or her to sign such petition, 8 9 or engages in any deceptive practice intended to induce any person to 10 sign a petition, shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor with a fine not to exceed limit of three hundred dollars on the fine. 11

Sec. 187. Section 18-2535, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

14 18-2535 Any city clerk who willfully refuses to comply with the 15 <u>Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> provisions of sections 18-2501 to 16 <del>18-2531 and 18-2538</del> or who willfully causes unreasonable delay in the 17 execution of his or her duties under <u>the Municipal Initiative and</u> 18 <u>Referendum Act</u> such sections shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor, 19 but imprisonment shall not be included as part of the punishment.

20 Sec. 188. Section 18-2536, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 21 amended to read:

22 18-2536 The Election Act, so far as applicable and when not in 23 conflict with <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> <del>sections</del> 24 <del>18-2501 to 18-2531</del>, shall apply to voting on ordinances by the registered 25 voters pursuant to <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u> <del>such</del> 26 <del>sections</del>.

27 Sec. 189. Section 18-2537, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

18-2537 Nothing in <u>the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act</u>
 sections 18-2501 to 18-2536 shall apply to procedures for initiatives or
 referendums provided in sections 14-210 to 14-212 relating to <u>cities of</u>

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<u>the metropolitan class</u> metropolitan-class cities, sections 18-412 and 18-412.02 relating to municipal light and power plants, sections 70-504 and 70-650.01 relating to public power districts, and sections 80-203 to 80-205 relating to soldiers and sailors monuments.

Sec. 190. Section 18-2538, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

7 18-2538 The municipality or any chief petitioner may seek a declaratory judgment regarding any questions arising under the Municipal 8 9 <u>Initiative and Referendum Act</u> Chapter 18, article 25, as it may be from time to time amended, including, but not limited to, determining whether 10 a measure is subject to referendum or limited referendum or whether a 11 measure may be enacted by initiative. If a chief petitioner seeks a 12 13 declaratory judgment, the municipality shall be served as provided in section 25-510.02. If the municipality seeks a declaratory judgment, only 14 the chief petitioner or chief petitioners shall be required to be served. 15 Any action brought for declaratory judgment for purposes of determining 16 17 whether a measure is subject to limited referendum or referendum, or whether a measure may be enacted by initiative, may be filed in the 18 19 district court at any time after the filing of a referendum or initiative petition with the city clerk for signature verification until forty days 20 from the date the governing body received notification pursuant to 21 22 section 18-2518. If the municipality does not bring an action for declaratory judgment to determine whether the measure is subject to 23 limited referendum or referendum, or whether the measure may be enacted 24 by initiative until after it has received notification pursuant to 25 section 18-2518, it shall be required to proceed with the initiative or 26 referendum election in accordance with the Municipal Initiative and 27 28 Referendum Act sections 18-2501 to 18-2537 and this section. If the municipality does file such an action prior to receiving notification 29 pursuant to section 18-2518, it shall not be required to proceed to hold 30 such election until a final decision has been rendered in the action. Any 31

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1 action for a declaratory judgment shall be governed generally by sections 2 25-21,149 to 25-21,164, as amended from time to time, except that only the municipality and each chief petitioner shall be required to be made 3 4 parties. The municipality, city clerk, governing body, or any other 5 officers of the municipality municipality's officers shall be entitled to rely on any order rendered by the court in any such proceeding. Any 6 7 action brought for declaratory judgment pursuant to this section shall be given priority in scheduling hearings and in disposition as determined by 8 9 the court. When an action is brought to determine whether the measure is subject to limited referendum or referendum, or whether a measure may be 10 enacted by initiative, a decision shall be rendered by the court no later 11 than five days prior to the election. The provisions of this section 12 13 relating to declaratory judgments shall not be construed as limiting, but 14 construed as supplemental and additional to other rights and remedies conferred by law. 15

Sec. 191. Section 18-2705, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

18 18-2705 (1) Economic development program means any project or 19 program utilizing funds derived from local sources of revenue for the 20 purpose of providing direct or indirect financial assistance to a 21 qualifying business or the payment of related costs and expenses or both, 22 without regard to whether that business is identified at the time the 23 project or program is initiated or is to be determined by specified means 24 at some time in the future.

25 (2) An economic development program may include, but shall not be limited to, the following activities: Direct loans or grants to 26 qualifying businesses for fixed assets or working capital or both; loan 27 28 guarantees for qualifying businesses; grants for public works improvements which are essential to the location or expansion of, or the 29 provision of new services by, a qualifying business; grants or loans to 30 qualifying businesses for job training; the purchase of real estate, 31

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options for such purchases, and the renewal or extension of such options; grants or loans to qualifying businesses to provide relocation incentives for new residents; the issuance of bonds as provided for in the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and payments for salaries and support of city staff to implement the economic development program or the contracting of such to an outside entity.

7 (3) For cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and
8 villages, an economic development program may also include:

9 <u>(a) Grants</u> grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation 10 for sale or lease of housing for persons of low or moderate income; -

(b) Grants (4) For cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and villages, an economic development program may also include grants, loans, or funds for rural infrastructure development as defined in section 66-2102; -

15 (c) Grants (5) For cities of the first class, cities of the second 16 class, and villages, an economic development program may also include 17 grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation for sale or lease 18 of housing as part of a workforce housing plan; or -

<u>(d) Grants</u> (6) For cities of the first class, cities of the second
 class, and villages, an economic development program may also include
 grants, loans, or funds for early childhood infrastructure development.

(4) (7) An economic development program may be conducted jointly by
 two or more cities after the approval of the program by the voters of
 each participating city.

25 Sec. 192. Section 18-2708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 18-2708 Local sources of revenue means the city's property tax, the 28 city's local option sales tax, or any other general tax levied by the 29 city or generated from municipally owned utilities or grants, donations, 30 or state and federal funds received by the city subject to any 31 restrictions of the grantor, donor, or state or federal law. Funds

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generated from municipally owned utilities shall be used for utilityrelated purposes or activities associated with the economic development program as determined by the <u>governing body city council</u>, including, but not limited to, load management, energy efficiency, energy conservation, incentives for load growth, line extensions, land purchase, site development, and demand side management measures.

Sec. 193. Section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

9 18-2709 (1) Qualifying business means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship which derives its 10 principal source of income from any of the following: The manufacture of 11 articles of commerce; the conduct of research and development; the 12 processing, storage, transport, or sale of goods or commodities which are 13 sold or traded in interstate commerce; the sale of services in interstate 14 commerce; headquarters facilities relating to eligible activities as 15 16 listed in this section; telecommunications activities, including services 17 providing advanced telecommunications capability; tourism-related activities; or the production of films, including feature, independent, 18 and documentary films, commercials, and television programs. 19

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(2) Qualifying business also means:

(a) In cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and
villages, a business that derives its principal source of income from the
construction or rehabilitation of housing;

(b) In cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and
villages, a business that derives its principal source of income from
early childhood care and education programs;

(c) A business that derives its principal source of income from retail trade, except that no more than forty percent of the total revenue generated pursuant to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act for an economic development program in any twelve-month period and no more than twenty percent of the total revenue generated pursuant to the

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1 act for an economic development program in any five-year period, 2 commencing from the date of municipal approval of an economic development 3 program, shall be used by the city for or devoted to the use of retail 4 trade businesses. For purposes of this subdivision, retail trade means a 5 business which is principally engaged in the sale of goods or commodities 6 to ultimate consumers for their own use or consumption and not for 7 resale; and

8 (d) In cities with a population of two thousand five hundred 9 inhabitants or less as determined by the most recent federal decennial 10 census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States 11 Bureau of the Census, a business shall be a qualifying business even 12 though it derives its principal source of income from activities other 13 than those set out in this section.

(3) If a business which would otherwise be a qualifying business 14 employs people and carries on activities in more than one city in 15 16 Nebraska or will do so at any time during the first year following its 17 application for participation in an economic development program, it shall be a qualifying business only if, in each such city, it maintains 18 employment for the first two years following the date on which such 19 20 business begins operations in the city as a participant in its economic development program at a level not less than its average employment in 21 22 such city over the twelve-month period preceding participation.

(4) A qualifying business need not be located within the territorial
boundaries of the city from which it is or will be receiving financial
assistance.

(5) Qualifying business does not include a political subdivision, a
state agency, or any other governmental entity, except as allowed for
cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and villages for
rural infrastructure development as provided for in <u>subdivision (3)(b)</u>
subsection (4) of section 18-2705.

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L Sec. 194. Section 18-2717, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

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2 18-2717 (1) No city of the metropolitan class or primary class shall appropriate from funds derived directly from local sources of revenue 3 4 more than five million dollars for all approved economic development 5 programs in any one year, no city of the first class shall appropriate from funds derived directly from local sources of revenue more than four 6 7 million dollars for all approved economic development programs in any one year, and no city of the second class or village shall appropriate from 8 9 funds derived directly from local sources of revenue more than three million dollars for all approved economic development programs in any one 10 year. 11

12 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this 13 section, no city shall appropriate from funds derived directly from local 14 sources of revenue an amount for an economic development program in 15 excess of the total amount approved by the voters at the election or 16 elections in which the economic development program was submitted or 17 amended.

(3) The restrictions on the appropriation of funds from local 18 sources of revenue as set out in subsections (1) and (2) of this section 19 shall apply only to the appropriation of funds derived directly from 20 local sources of revenue. Sales tax collections in excess of the amount 21 which may be appropriated as a result of the restrictions set out in such 22 23 subsections shall be deposited in the city's economic development fund 24 and invested as provided for in section 18-2718. Any funds in the city's 25 economic development fund not otherwise restricted from appropriation by reason of the city's ordinance governing the economic development program 26 or this section may be appropriated and spent for the purposes of the 27 28 economic development program in any amount and at any time at the discretion of the governing body of the city subject only to section 29 18-2716. 30

31 (4) The restrictions on the appropriation of funds from local

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sources of revenue shall not apply to the reappropriation of funds which
 were appropriated but not expended during previous fiscal years.

Sec. 195. Section 18-2722, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-2722 (1) The registered voters of any city that has established 5 an economic development program shall, at any time after one year 6 following the original vote on the program, have the right to vote on the 7 continuation of the economic development program. The question shall be 8 9 submitted to the voters whenever petitions calling for its submission, signed by registered voters of the city in number equal to at least 10 twenty percent of the number of persons voting in the city at the last 11 preceding general election, are presented to the governing body of the 12 13 city.

(2) Upon the receipt of the petitions, the governing body of the city shall submit the question at a special election to be held not less than thirty days nor more than forty-five days after receipt of the petitions, except that if any other election is to be held in such city within ninety days of the receipt of the petitions, the governing body may provide for holding the election on the same date.

20 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this 21 section, if two-thirds of the members of the governing body of the city 22 vote to repeal the ordinance establishing the economic development 23 program within fifteen days of the receipt of the petitions for an 24 election, the economic development program shall end and the election 25 shall not be held.

(4) The governing body shall give notice of the submission of the question of whether to continue the economic development program not more than twenty days nor less than ten days prior to the election by publication one time in one or more <u>legal</u> newspapers published in or <u>of</u> <del>having a</del> general circulation in the city in which the question is to be submitted. Such notice shall be in addition to any other notice required</del>

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1 by the election laws of the state.

2 (5) The question on the ballot shall generally set out the basic 3 terms and provisions of the economic development program as required for 4 the initial submission, except that the question shall be: "Shall the 5 city of (name of the city) continue its economic development program?".

6 (6) A majority of the registered voters voting on the question at 7 the election shall determine the question. The final vote shall be 8 binding on the city, and the governing body of the city shall act within 9 sixty days of the certification of the vote by the county clerk or the 10 election commissioner to repeal the ordinance establishing the economic 11 development program if a majority of the voters voting on the question 12 vote to discontinue the program.

(7) The repeal of the ordinance and the discontinuation of the 13 economic development program shall be subject only to the provisions of 14 any contracts related to the economic development program and the rights 15 16 of any third parties arising from those contracts existing on the date of the election. Any funds collected by the city under the economic 17 development program and unexpended for that program on the date of its 18 repeal and any funds received by the city on account of the operation of 19 the economic development program thereafter shall be deposited in the 20 general fund of the city. 21

Sec. 196. Section 18-2737, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

24 18-2737 (1) Any city which has received voter approval to conduct an 25 economic development program pursuant to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act prior to June 1, 1993, may, subject to 26 subsection (2) of this section, issue bonds as provided by the act even 27 though the proposed plan prepared pursuant to section 18-2710 did not 28 contemplate or provide for the issuance of bonds and the question on the 29 ballot approved by the voters did not set out that the city proposed to 30 issue bonds to provide funds to carry out the economic development 31

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1 program.

(2) The governing body of any city proposing to issue bonds pursuant 2 to the authority granted by subsection (1) of this section shall adopt a 3 resolution expressing the intent of the city to issue bonds from time to 4 5 time pursuant to the act to provide funds to carry out the economic development program. Such resolution shall set a date for a public 6 hearing on the issue of exercising such authority, and notice of such 7 hearing shall be published in a <u>legal</u> newspaper <u>in or</u> of general 8 9 circulation in the city at least seven days prior to the date of such hearing. Following such hearing, the governing body of the city shall 10 amend or incorporate into the ordinance adopted pursuant to section 11 18-2714 a provision authorizing the governing body to exercise, in the 12 manner set forth in the act, the authority granted by the act to issue 13 bonds to provide funds to carry out the economic development program. 14

(3) Any city desiring to exercise the authority granted by this
section which complies with the provisions of subsection (2) of this
section may exercise the authority to issue bonds as provided in the act.

Sec. 197. Section 18-2803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 18-2803 For purposes of the Municipal Proprietary Function Act:

(1) Fiscal year shall mean the twelve-month period established by
each governing body for each proprietary function of municipal government
for determining and carrying on its financial affairs for each
proprietary function;

(2) Governing body shall mean the city council in the case of a city
of any class, including any city with a home rule charter, and the
<u>village</u> board of trustees in the case of a village and shall include any
city with a home rule charter;

(3) Municipal budget statement shall mean a budget statement adopted
by a governing body for nonproprietary functions of the municipality
under the Nebraska Budget Act;

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(4) Proprietary budget statement shall mean a budget adopted by a
 governing body for each proprietary function pursuant to the Municipal
 Proprietary Function Act; and

(5) Proprietary function shall mean a water supply or distribution 4 utility, a wastewater collection or treatment utility, an electric 5 generation, transmission, or distribution utility, a 6 gas supply, 7 transmission, or distribution utility, an integrated solid waste management collection, disposal, or handling utility, or a hospital or a 8 9 nursing home owned by a municipality.

Sec. 198. Section 18-2806, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2806 (1) After a proposed proprietary budget statement is filed 12 with the municipal clerk, the governing body shall conduct a public 13 14 hearing on such statement. Notice of the time and place of the hearing, a summary of the proposed proprietary budget statement, and notice that the 15 16 full proposed proprietary budget statement is available for public review with the municipal clerk during normal business hours shall be published 17 one time at least five days prior to the hearing in a <u>legal</u> newspaper in 18 or of general circulation within the governing body's jurisdiction or by 19 mailing to each resident within the governing body's jurisdiction. 20

(2) After such hearing, the proposed proprietary budget statement 21 shall be adopted or amended and adopted as amended, and a written record 22 23 shall be kept of such hearing. If the adopted proprietary budget 24 statement reflects a change from the proposed proprietary budget statement presented at the hearing, a copy of the adopted proprietary 25 budget statement shall be filed with the municipal clerk within twenty 26 days after its adoption and published in a <u>legal</u> newspaper in or of 27 general circulation within the governing body's jurisdiction or by 28 mailing to each resident within the governing body's jurisdiction. 29

30 Sec. 199. Section 18-2807, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 18-2807 If the actual expenditures for a proprietary function exceed the estimated expenditures in the proprietary budget statement during its 2 3 fiscal year, the governing body shall adopt a proprietary function 4 reconciliation statement within ninety days after the end of such fiscal year which reflects any difference between the adopted proprietary budget 5 statement for the previous fiscal year and the actual expenditures and 6 revenue for such fiscal year. After adoption of a proprietary function 7 reconciliation statement, it shall be filed with the municipal clerk and 8 9 published in a <u>legal</u> newspaper <u>in or</u> of general circulation within the governing body's jurisdiction or by mailing to each resident within the 10 governing body's jurisdiction. If the difference between the adopted 11 budget for the previous fiscal year and the actual 12 proprietary 13 expenditures and revenue for such fiscal year is greater than ten percent, the proprietary function reconciliation statement shall only be 14 adopted following a public hearing. 15

Sec. 200. Section 18-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

18-3001 (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section and 18 19 notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 14, article 4, Chapter 15, article 9, or Chapter 19, article 9, or of any home rule charter to the 20 contrary, every city or village may include within its zoning ordinance 21 provisions authorizing and regulating planned unit developments within 22 23 such city or village or within the <u>extraterritorial</u> zoning jurisdiction 24 of such city or village, except such cities or villages shall not have 25 authority to impose such power over other organized cities or villages within the zoning jurisdiction of such cities or villages. As used in 26 this section, planned unit development includes any development of a 27 parcel of land or an aggregation of contiguous parcels of land to be 28 developed as a single project which proposes density transfers, density 29 increases, and mixing of land uses, or any combination thereof, based 30 upon the application of site planning criteria. The purpose of such 31

1 ordinance shall be to permit flexibility in the regulation of land 2 development, to encourage innovation in land use and variety in design, layout, and type of structures constructed, to achieve economy and 3 4 efficiency in the use of land, natural resources, and energy and the provision of public services and utilities, to encourage the preservation 5 and provision of useful open space, and to provide improved housing, 6 employment, or shopping opportunities particularly suited to the needs of 7 an area. 8

9 (2) An ordinance authorizing and regulating planned unit 10 developments shall establish criteria relating to the review of proposed planned unit developments to ensure that the land use or activity 11 proposed through a planned unit development shall be compatible with 12 13 adjacent uses of land and the capacities of public services and utilities 14 affected by such planned unit development and to ensure that the approval of such planned unit development is consistent with the public health, 15 16 safety, and general welfare of the city or village and is in accordance 17 with the comprehensive plan.

(3) Within a planned unit development, regulations relating to the use of land, including permitted uses, lot sizes, setbacks, height limits, required facilities, buffers, open spaces, roadway and parking design, and land-use density shall be determined in accordance with the planned unit development regulations specified in the zoning ordinance. The planned unit development regulations need not be uniform with regard to each type of land use.

(4) The approval of planned unit developments, as authorized under a planned unit development ordinance, shall be generally similar to the procedures established for the approval of zone changes. In approving any planned unit development, a city or village may, either as a condition of the ordinance approving a planned unit development, by covenant, by separate agreement, or otherwise, impose reasonable conditions as deemed necessary to ensure that a planned unit development shall be compatible

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with adjacent uses of land, will not overburden public services and
 facilities, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and
 welfare. Such conditions or agreements may provide for dedications of
 land for public purposes.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, a city of 5 the second class or village located in a county that has adopted a 6 comprehensive development plan which meets the requirements of section 7 23-114.02 and is enforcing subdivision regulations shall not finally 8 9 approve a planned unit development upon property located outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or village until the plans for the 10 planned unit development have been submitted to, reviewed, and approved 11 by the county's planning commission pursuant to subsection (4) of section 12 17-1002. 13

(6) A city of the second class or village located in whole or in 14 part within the boundaries of a county having a population in excess of 15 16 one hundred thousand inhabitants but less than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or 17 the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of 18 the Census that has adopted a comprehensive development plan which meets 19 the requirements of section 23-114.02 and is enforcing subdivision 20 regulations shall not finally approve a planned unit development upon 21 property located outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or 22 village until the plans for the planned unit development have been 23 24 submitted to the county's planning department and public works department 25 for review.

26 Sec. 201. Section 71-3305, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

71-3305 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) or (3) of this section, any city or village having a population of one thousand or more inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States

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1 Bureau of the Census shall add fluoride to the water supply for human 2 consumption for such city or village as provided in the rules and 3 regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services unless such 4 water supply has sufficient amounts of naturally occurring fluoride as 5 provided in such rules and regulations.

6 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the voters of 7 the city or village adopted an ordinance, after April 18, 2008, but 8 before June 1, 2010, to prohibit the addition of fluoride to such water 9 supply.

(3) If any city or village reaches a population of one thousand or 10 more inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial 11 census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States 12 Bureau of the Census after June 1, 2010, and is required to add fluoride 13 to its water supply under subsection (1) of this section, the city or 14 village may adopt an ordinance to prohibit the addition of fluoride to 15 such water supply. The ordinance may be placed on the ballot by a 16 majority vote of the governing body of the city or village or by 17 initiative pursuant to the Municipal Initiative and Referendum Act 18 sections 18-2501 to 18-2538. Such proposed ordinance shall be voted upon 19 at the next statewide general election after the population of the city 20 or village reaches one thousand or more inhabitants as determined by the 21 most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified 22 count by the United States Bureau of the Census. 23

(4) Any rural water district organized under sections 46-1001 to 46-1020 that supplies water for human consumption to any city or village which is required to add fluoride to such water supply under this section shall not be responsible for any costs, equipment, testing, or maintenance related to such fluoridation unless such district has agreed with the city or village to assume such responsibilities.

30 Sec. 202. Section 77-3,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 31 amended to read:

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1 77-3,119 (1) The Tax Commissioner shall certify the population of 2 cities and villages to be used for purposes of calculations made pursuant 3 to subdivision (4) of section 18-2603, subdivisions (3)(a) and (b) of 4 section 35-1205, subdivision (1) of section 39-2517, and sections 39-2513 5 and 77-27,139.02. The Tax Commissioner shall transmit copies of such 6 certification to all interested parties upon request.

7 (2) The Tax Commissioner shall certify the population of each city and village based upon the most recent federal census figures. The Tax 8 9 Commissioner shall determine the most recent federal census figures for each city and village by using the most recent federal census figures 10 available from (a) the most recent federal decennial census, (b) the most 11 recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census, 12 13 or (c) the most recent federal census figure of the city or village plus the population of territory annexed as calculated in sections 18-1753 and 14 18-1754. 15

16 (3) The Tax Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and17 regulations to carry out this section.

Sec. 203. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2020, is amended to read:

77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling 20 cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner 21 of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all 22 other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift, 23 24 or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows: On 25 each package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes, sixty-four cents per package; and on packages containing more than twenty 26 cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than 27 28 twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each 29 cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package. 30

31 (2) Beginning October 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall place the

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equivalent of forty-nine cents of such tax in the General Fund. The State Treasurer shall reduce the amount placed in the General Fund under this subsection by the amount prescribed in subdivision (3)(d) of this section. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified number of cents of the tax shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the tax equal to the specified number divided by the tax rate per package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes.

8 (3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of9 such tax in the following order:

(a) First, beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place
the equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation
Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after
FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than
the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money
needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the
FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(b) Second, beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer shall place 17 the equivalent of three cents of such tax in the Health and Human 18 Services Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal 19 year distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this 20 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this 21 subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount 22 distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce 23 24 the distribution to the General Fund;

(c) Third, beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce

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1 the distribution to the General Fund;

(d) Fourth, until July 1, 2009, the State Treasurer shall place in
the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund the sum of five hundred
twenty thousand dollars each fiscal year to carry out the Municipal
Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund Act. The Legislature shall appropriate
the sum of five hundred twenty thousand dollars each year for fiscal year
2003-04 through fiscal year 2008-09;

8 <u>(d) Fourth (e) Fifth</u>, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until 9 June 30, 2008, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of two 10 cents of such tax in the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund. The 11 distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than two million 12 fifty thousand dollars. Any money needed to increase the amount 13 distributed under this subdivision to two million fifty thousand dollars 14 shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(e) Fifth (f) Sixth, beginning July 1, 2008, and continuing until 15 16 June 30, 2009, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of two million fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety 17 Communication System Cash Fund. Beginning July 1, 2009, and continuing 18 19 until June 30, 2016, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of two million five hundred seventy thousand dollars of such tax in the 20 Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund. Beginning July 1, 21 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place 22 23 the equivalent of three million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars of 24 such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax 25 proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section 26 by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this 27 28 subdivision; and

(f) Sixth (g) Seventh, beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year
 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million
 two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health

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Care Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the
 distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection
 (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the distribution
 pursuant to this subdivision.

5 (4) If, after distributing the proceeds of such tax pursuant to 6 subsections (2) and (3) of this section, any proceeds of such tax remain, 7 the State Treasurer shall place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital 8 Construction Fund.

9 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects 10 funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund and the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical importance to the State 11 12 of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature that the allocations and 13 appropriations made by the Legislature to such fund funds or, in the case of allocations for the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, to 14 the particular municipality's account not be reduced until all contracts 15 16 and securities relating to the construction and financing of the projects 17 or portions of the projects funded from such funds or accounts of such funds are completed or paid or, in the case of the Municipal 18 Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, the earlier of such date or July 1, 19  $2009_{r}$  and that until such time any reductions in the cigarette tax rate 20 made by the Legislature shall be simultaneously accompanied by equivalent 21 reductions in the amount dedicated to the General Fund from cigarette tax 22 23 revenue. Any provision made by the Legislature for distribution of the 24 proceeds of the cigarette tax for projects or programs other than those 25 to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d) the Municipal 26 Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, (e) the Building Renewal Allocation 27 28 Fund, (e) (f) the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund, (f) (g) the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund, and (g) (h) the 29 Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall not be made a higher priority than 30 or an equal priority to any of the programs or projects specified in 31

subdivisions (a) through (q) (h) of this subsection. 1 2 Sec. 204. The State Treasurer shall transfer the balance in the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund on the effective date of this 3 act to the General Fund, and the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment 4 Fund shall terminate upon such date. 5 Original sections 18-131, 18-305, 18-306, 18-307, 18-308, 6 Sec. 205. 7 18-309, 18-310, 18-311, 18-401, 18-402, 18-403, 18-404, 18-405, 18-407, 18-408, 18-409, 18-410, 18-411, 18-412, 18-412.02, 18-412.07, 18-412.08, 8 9 18-412.09, 18-412.10, 18-413, 18-501, 18-502, 18-503, 18-504, 18-505, 10 18-506, 18-506.01, 18-507, 18-508, 18-509, 18-510, 18-511, 18-512, 18-602, 18-603, 18-604, 18-610, 18-611, 18-612, 18-614, 18-617, 18-618, 11 18-619, 18-620, 18-621, 18-622, 18-623, 18-624, 18-625, 18-626, 18-627, 12 18-633, 18-634, 18-635, 18-636, 18-1001, 18-1002, 18-1003, 18-1004, 13 18-1005, 18-1006, 18-1101, 18-1102, 18-1201, 18-1202, 18-1203, 18-1204, 14 15 18-1205, 18-1206, 18-1207, 18-1215, 18-1216, 18-1501, 18-1502, 18-1503, 18-1504, 18-1508, 18-1509, 18-1701, 18-1702, 18-1705, 18-1706, 18-1707, 16 17 18-1708, 18-1709, 18-1712, 18-1713, 18-1714, 18-1716, 18-1718, 18-1721, 18-1722.01, 18-1723, 18-1724, 18-1729, 18-1741.03, 18-1743, 18-1748, 18 18-1750, 18-1752, 18-1754, 18-1755, 18-1757, 18-1801, 18-1802, 18-1803, 19 18-1804, 18-1905, 18-1907, 18-1909, 18-1910, 18-1912, 18-1913, 18-1915, 20 18-1919, 18-2003, 18-2004, 18-2005, 18-2123, 18-2124, 18-2131, 18-2135, 21 22 18-2136, 18-2201, 18-2202, 18-2203, 18-2204, 18-2206, 18-2301, 18-2302, 18-2303, 18-2304, 18-2305, 18-2306, 18-2307, 18-2308, 18-2309, 18-2310, 23 24 18-2311, 18-2312, 18-2313, 18-2314, 18-2315, 18-2402, 18-2443, 18-2476, 25 18-2501, 18-2502, 18-2504, 18-2505, 18-2506, 18-2518, 18-2520, 18-2521, 18-2522, 18-2523, 18-2524, 18-2525, 18-2526, 18-2527, 18-2528, 18-2529, 26 27 18-2530, 18-2532, 18-2533, 18-2534, 18-2535, 18-2536, 18-2537, 18-2538, 18-2708, 18-2722, 18-2737, 18-2803, 18-2806, 18-2807, 71-3305, and 28 77-3,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-518, 29 16-6,108, 18-132, 18-201, 18-406, 18-601, 18-613, 18-1719, 18-1720, 30 18-1751, 18-1902, 18-2133, 18-2409, 18-2507, 18-2705, 18-2709, 18-2717, 31

18-3001, and 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, are
 repealed.
 Sec. 206. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
 18-2601, 18-2602, 18-2603, 18-2604, 18-2605, 18-2606, 18-2607, 18-2608,
 and 18-2609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.