AMENDMENTS TO LB34

Introduced by Revenue.

1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new 1 sections: 2 3 Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be Section 1. cited as the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act. 4 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act: 6 (1) Approved bonds means bonds as defined in subdivision (1) of section 10-134 that are approved according to law, excluding any bonds 7 issued to finance a project or projects if the issuance of bonds for such 8 9 project or projects was the subject of a general obligation bond election 10 held at the most recent regularly scheduled election and was not approved 11 at such election; (2) Auditor means the Auditor of Public Accounts; 12 13 (3) Emergency means an emergency, as defined in section 81-829.39, for which a state of emergency proclamation or local state of emergency 14 proclamation has been issued under the Emergency Management Act; 15 (4) Growth percentage means the percentage obtained by dividing (a) 16 the political subdivision's growth value by (b) the political 17 subdivision's total property valuation from the prior year; 18 19 (5) Growth value means the increase in a political subdivision's 20 total property valuation from the prior year to the current year due to 21 (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real 22 property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of 23 real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of 24 real property, and (e) any increase in personal property valuation over 25 26 the prior year; 27 (6) Inflation percentage means the annual percentage change in the

1 State and Local Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment, as 2 reported for December of the prior calendar year for the preceding 3 twelve-month period; 4 (7) Political subdivision means any county, city, or village; 5 (8) Property tax request means the total amount of property taxes requested to be raised for a political subdivision through the levy 6 7 imposed pursuant to section 77-1601; 8 (9) Property tax request authority means the amount that may be 9 included in a political subdivision's property tax request as determined 10 pursuant to the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act; and 11 (10) State aid means: (a) For all political subdivisions, state aid paid pursuant to 12 13 sections 60-3,202 and 77-3523 and reimbursement provided pursuant to 14 <u>section 77-1239;</u> 15 (b) For cities and villages, state aid to cities and villages paid pursuant to sections 39-2501 to 39-2520, 60-3,190, and 77-27,139.04 and 16 17 insurance premium tax paid to cities and villages; and (c) For counties, state aid to counties paid pursuant to sections 18 19 60-3,184 to 60-3,190, insurance premium tax paid to counties, and 20 reimbursements to counties from funds appropriated pursuant to section 21 29-3933. 22 Sec. 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Property Tax Growth 23 Limitation Act, for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, a 24 political subdivision's property tax request for any year shall not 25 exceed its property tax request authority as determined under this 26 section. The preliminary property tax request authority for each 27 political subdivision shall be the amount of property taxes levied by the county board of equalization pursuant to section 77-1601 for such 28 29 political subdivision in the prior fiscal year, less the sum of 30 exceptions utilized in the prior year pursuant to section 4 of this act. 31 (2) In addition to the preliminary property tax request authority,

1 the political subdivision's property tax request authority may be 2 <u>increased by the product of:</u> 3 (a) The amount of property taxes levied in the prior year increased by the political subdivision's growth percentage, less the sum of 4 5 exceptions utilized in the prior year pursuant to subdivisions (1) and 6 (2) of section 4 of this act; and 7 (b) The greater of zero or the inflation percentage. 8 Sec. 4. A political subdivision may increase its property tax 9 request authority over the amount determined under section 3 of this act 10 by: (1) The amount of property taxes budgeted for approved bonds; 11 (2) The amount of property taxes needed to respond to an emergency 12 declared in the preceding year, as certified to the auditor; 13 14 (3) The amount of unused property tax request authority determined 15 in accordance with section 6 of this act; 16 (4) The amount of property taxes budgeted in support of (a) a 17 service relating to an imminent and significant threat to public safety that (i) was not previously provided by the political subdivision and 18 19 (ii) is the subject of an agreement or a modification of an existing 20 agreement executed after the operative date of this section, whether 21 provided by one of the parties to the agreement or by an independent 22 joint entity or joint public agency or (b) an interlocal agreement 23 relating to public safety; (5) The increase in property tax request authority approved by the 24 25 legal voters as provided in section 5 of this act; 26 (6) The amount of property taxes budgeted for public safety services as defined in section 13-320; and 27 28 (7) The amount of property taxes budgeted for county attorneys and 29 public defenders. 30 (1) A political subdivision may increase its property tax Sec. 5. 31 request authority over the amount determined under section 3 of this act

1 if such increase is approved by a majority of legal voters voting on the 2 issue at an election described in subsection (2) of this section. Such 3 issue shall be placed on the ballot (a) upon the recommendation of the governing body of such political subdivision or (b) upon the receipt by 4 5 the county clerk or election commissioner of a petition requesting such 6 issue to be placed on the ballot which is signed by at least five percent 7 of the legal voters of the political subdivision. The recommendation of 8 the governing body or the petition of the legal voters shall include the 9 amount by which the political subdivision would increase its property tax 10 request authority over and above the amount determined under section 3 of 11 this act.

12 (2) Upon receipt of such recommendation or legal voter petition, the 13 county clerk or election commissioner shall place such issue on the 14 ballot at the next regularly scheduled election. The election shall be 15 held pursuant to the Election Act, and all costs shall be paid by the 16 political subdivision. The issue may be approved on the same question as a vote to exceed the levy limits provided in section 77-3444. If a 17 majority of the votes cast on the issue are in favor of increasing the 18 19 political subdivision's property tax request authority, the political 20 subdivision shall be empowered to do so.

Sec. 6. <u>A political subdivision may choose not to increase its</u> <u>total property taxes levied by the full amount of the property tax</u> <u>request authority allowed in a particular year. In such cases, the</u> <u>political subdivision may carry forward to future budget years the amount</u> <u>of unused property tax request authority, but accumulation of unused</u> <u>property tax request authority shall not exceed an aggregate of five</u> <u>percent of the total property tax request authority from the prior year.</u>

28 Sec. 7. <u>The auditor shall prepare forms to be used by political</u> 29 <u>subdivisions for the purpose of calculating property tax request</u> 30 <u>authority and unused property tax request authority. Each political</u> 31 <u>subdivision shall calculate such amounts and submit the forms to the</u>

auditor on or before September 30, 2025, and on or before September 30 of 1 each year thereafter. If a political subdivision fails to submit such 2 3 forms to the auditor or if the auditor determines from such forms that a 4 political subdivision is not complying with the limits provided in the 5 Property Tax Growth Limitation Act, the auditor shall notify the political subdivision and the State Treasurer of the noncompliance. The 6 7 State Treasurer shall then suspend distribution of state aid allocated to 8 the political subdivision until the political subdivision complies. The 9 funds shall be held for six months. If the political subdivision complies within the six-month period, it shall receive the suspended funds. If the 10 11 political subdivision fails to comply within the six-month period, the suspended funds shall be forfeited and shall be redistributed to other 12 recipients of the state aid or, in the case of homestead exemption 13 14 reimbursement, returned to the General Fund.

Sec. 8. <u>The auditor may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations</u>
 <u>to carry out the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act.</u>

Sec. 13. <u>Sections 13 to 16 of this act shall be known and may be</u>
 <u>cited as the Natural Resources District Tax Credit Act.</u>

Sec. 14. <u>The purpose of the Natural Resources District Tax Credit</u> <u>Act is to provide property tax relief for property taxes levied against</u> <u>real property by natural resources districts. The property tax relief</u> <u>will be made to owners of real property in the form of a property tax</u> <u>credit.</u>

24 Sec. 15. <u>For purposes of the Natural Resources District Tax Credit</u> 25 Act:

(1) District taxes means property taxes levied on real property in
 this state by a natural resources district, excluding any property taxes
 levied for bonded indebtedness and any property taxes levied as a result
 of an override of limits on property tax levies approved by voters
 pursuant to section 77-3444; and

31 (2) Natural resources district means a natural resources district

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1 <u>operating pursuant to Chapter 2, article 32.</u>

2 Sec. 16. (1) The Natural Resources District Tax Credit Act shall 3 apply to tax year 2025 and each tax year thereafter. The total amount of relief granted under the act for tax year 2025 shall be an amount equal 4 5 to fifty percent of the district taxes levied for the prior year. The 6 total amount of relief granted under the act for tax year 2026 shall be 7 an amount equal to seventy-five percent of the district taxes levied for 8 the prior year. The total amount of relief granted under the act for tax 9 year 2027 and each tax year thereafter shall be an amount equal to one hundred percent of the district taxes levied for the prior year. The 10 relief shall be in the form of property tax credits which appear on 11 12 property tax statements. Property tax credits granted under the act shall 13 be credited against the amount of property taxes owed to natural 14 resources districts.

15 (2) To determine the amount of the property tax credit for each 16 parcel, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the 17 county under subsection (4) of this section by the ratio of the district 18 taxes levied in the prior year on the parcel to the district taxes levied 19 in the prior year on all real property in the county. The amount so 20 determined shall be the property tax credit for that parcel.

21 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption 22 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, the owner shall also be qualified for the property tax credit provided in this section to the extent of any 23 24 remaining liability after calculation of the homestead exemption. If the 25 property tax credit provided in this section results in a property tax 26 liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the amount of the 27 credit which cannot be used by the taxpayer shall be returned to the Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of the year the amount disbursed to 28 29 the county was disbursed. The Property Tax Administrator shall immediately credit any funds returned under this subsection to the 30 31 General Fund. Upon the return of any funds under this subsection, the

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1 county treasurer shall electronically file a report with the Property Tax
2 Administrator, on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner, indicating
3 the amount of funds distributed to each natural resources district in the
4 county in the year the funds were returned and the amount of unused
5 credits returned.

6 (4) The amount disbursed to each county under this section shall be 7 equal to the amount available for disbursement under subsection (1) of 8 this section multiplied by the ratio of the district taxes levied in the 9 prior year on all real property in the county to the district taxes 10 levied in the prior year on all real property in the state. By September 11 15, 2025, and by September 15 of each year thereafter, the Property Tax 12 Administrator shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this 13 subsection to each county and shall certify such amounts to the State 14 Treasurer and to each county. The disbursements to the counties shall 15 occur in two equal payments, the first on or before January 31 and the 16 second on or before April 1.

17 (5) The county treasurer shall disburse amounts received under subsection (4) of this section, which are credited against the amount of 18 19 property taxes owed to natural resources districts, in the same manner as 20 if such funds had been received in the form of property tax payments for 21 property taxes owed to natural resources districts, meaning any amounts 22 attributable to divided taxes pursuant to section 18-2147 of the 23 <u>Community Development Law shall be remitted to the applicable authority</u> 24 for which such taxes were divided.

Sec. 17. (1) On or before July 31, 2025, each county that operates and maintains a county jail shall certify to the Jail Standards Board the actual cost of operating and maintaining such county jail for the most recently completed fiscal year. The board shall have the authority to request or obtain additional information and make a determination as to the actual cost of operating and maintaining each county jail.

31 (2) No later than December 31, 2025, and no later than December 31

of each year thereafter, the Jail Standards Board shall reimburse each 1 county for a percentage of the cost of operating and maintaining county 2 3 jails. The amount to be reimbursed under this section shall be: (a) For the reimbursement paid in 2025, twenty-five percent of the 4 5 amount certified under subsection (1) of this section; and 6 (b) For the reimbursement paid in 2026 and each year thereafter, 7 fifty percent of the amount certified under subsection (1) of this 8 section. 9 (3) The expenses of operating and maintaining a county jail shall not be reimbursable under this section if the operation and maintenance 10 11 of the jail does not conform to the rules and regulations and directions 12 of the Jail Standards Board. Sec. 18. Section 9-1,101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 13 14 amended by Laws 2024, LB685, section 1, is amended to read: 15 9-1,101 (1) The Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle 16 17 Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, and section

9-701 shall be administered and enforced by the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue, which division is hereby created. The Department of Revenue shall make annual reports to the Governor, Legislature, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Attorney General on all tax revenue received, expenses incurred, and other activities relating to the administration and enforcement of such acts. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted electronically.

(2) The Charitable Gaming Operations Fund is hereby created. Any
money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

(3)(a) Forty percent of the taxes <u>credited to the Charitable Gaming</u>
 <u>Operations Fund collected</u> pursuant to sections 9-239, 9-344, <u>and 9-429</u>,
 and <u>subdivision (1)(b) of section 9-648</u> shall be available to the

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1 Charitable Gaming Division for administering and enforcing the acts 2 listed in subsection (1) of this section and providing administrative 3 support for the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling. The remaining 4 sixty percent shall be transferred to the General Fund. Any portion of 5 the forty percent not used by the division in the administration and 6 enforcement of such acts and section shall be distributed as provided in 7 this subsection.

8 (b) Beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025, on or before the 9 last day of the last month of each calendar quarter, the State Treasurer 10 shall transfer one hundred thousand dollars from the Charitable Gaming 11 Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(c) Any money remaining in the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund after the transfer pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection not used by the Charitable Gaming Division in its administration and enforcement duties pursuant to this section may be transferred to the General Fund and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

(4) The Tax Commissioner shall employ investigators who shall be 18 vested with the authority and power of a law enforcement officer to carry 19 20 out the laws of this state administered by the Tax Commissioner or the 21 Department of Revenue and to enforce sections 28-1101 to 28-1117 relating 22 to possession of a gambling device. For purposes of enforcing sections 23 28-1101 to 28-1117, the authority of the investigators shall be limited 24 to investigating possession of a gambling device, notifying local law enforcement authorities, and reporting suspected violations to the county 25 26 attorney for prosecution.

(5) The Charitable Gaming Division may charge a fee for publications and listings it produces. The fee shall not exceed the cost of publication and distribution of such items. The division may also charge a fee for making a copy of any record in its possession equal to the actual cost per page. The division shall remit the fees to the State

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1 Treasurer for credit to the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund.

2 (6) The taxes collected and available to the Charitable Gaming 3 Division pursuant to section 17 of this act shall be used by the division 4 for enforcement of the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act and 5 maintenance of the central server established pursuant to section 16 of 6 this act.

7 (7) For administrative purposes only, the Nebraska Commission on 8 Problem Gambling shall be located within the Charitable Gaming Division. 9 The division shall provide office space, furniture, equipment, and 10 stationery and other necessary supplies for the commission. Commission 11 staff shall be appointed, supervised, and terminated by the director of 12 the Gamblers Assistance Program pursuant to section 9-1004.

Sec. 19. Section 9-648, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

9-648 (1) Any county, city, or village which conducts a lottery shall submit to the department on a quarterly basis a tax of <u>five</u> two percent of the gross proceeds. Such tax shall be remitted not later than thirty days from the close of the preceding quarter on forms provided by the department. The department shall remit the tax to the State Treasurer for credit <u>as follows</u>:

21 (a) Sixty percent of the tax shall be credited to the Education
22 Future Fund; and

<u>(b) Forty percent of the tax shall be credited to the Charitable</u>
 Gaming Operations Fund.

(2) All deficiencies of the tax imposed by this section shall accrue
 interest and be subject to a penalty as provided for sales and use taxes
 in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

28 Sec. 20. Section 13-324, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 29 amended to read:

30 13-324 (1) The Tax Commissioner shall administer all sales and use
 31 taxes adopted under section 13-319. The Tax Commissioner may prescribe

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forms and adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations in 1 2 conformity with the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as amended, for the 3 making of returns and for the ascertainment, assessment, and collection of taxes. The county shall furnish a certified copy of the adopting or 4 5 repealing resolution to the Tax Commissioner in accordance with such 6 rules and regulations. The tax shall begin the first day of the next 7 calendar quarter which is at least one hundred twenty days following 8 receipt by the Tax Commissioner of the certified copy of the adopted 9 resolution. The Tax Commissioner shall provide at least sixty days' notice of the adoption of the tax or a change in the rate to retailers. 10 11 Notice shall be provided to retailers within the county. Notice to 12 retailers may be provided through the website of the Department of Revenue or by other electronic means. 13

14 (2) For resolutions containing a termination date, the termination 15 date is the first day of a calendar quarter. The county shall furnish a certified statement to the Tax Commissioner no more than one hundred 16 eighty days and at least one hundred twenty days before the termination 17 18 date that the termination date stated in the resolution is still valid. If the certified statement is not furnished within the prescribed time, 19 20 the tax shall remain in effect, and the Tax Commissioner shall continue 21 to collect the tax until the first day of the calendar quarter which is 22 at least one hundred twenty days after receipt of the certified statement 23 notwithstanding the termination date stated in the resolution. The Tax 24 Commissioner shall provide at least sixty days' notice of the termination of the tax to retailers. Notice shall be provided to retailers within the 25 26 county. Notice to retailers may be provided through the website of the 27 department or other electronic means.

(3) The Tax Commissioner shall collect the sales and use tax concurrently with collection of a state tax in the same manner as the state tax is collected. The Tax Commissioner shall remit monthly the proceeds of the tax to the counties imposing the tax, after deducting the

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amount of refunds made and fifteen three percent of the remainder as an 1 administrative fee necessary to defray the cost of collecting the tax and 2 3 the expenses incident thereto. The Tax Commissioner shall keep full and accurate records of all money received and distributed. All receipts from 4 5 the fifteen percent three-percent administrative fee shall be deposited 6 in the state General Fund. For fiscal year 2024-25, the counties imposing 7 the tax shall be guaranteed to receive total net taxable sales equal to 8 the fiscal year 2023-24 net taxable sales amount plus one percent. For 9 each fiscal year thereafter, the guaranteed taxable sales amount shall 10 increase by one percent.

(4) Upon any claim of illegal assessment and collection, the taxpayer has the same remedies provided for claims of illegal assessment and collection of the state tax. It is the intention of the Legislature that the provisions of law which apply to the recovery of state taxes illegally assessed and collected apply to the recovery of sales and use taxes illegally assessed and collected under section 13-319.

17 (5) Boundary changes or the adoption of a sales and use tax by an
18 incorporated municipality that affects any tax imposed by this section
19 shall be governed as provided in subsections (3) through (10) of section
20 77-27,143.

21 Sec. 21. Section 13-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

23 13-508 (1) After publication and hearing thereon and within the time 24 prescribed by law, each governing body shall file with and certify to the levying board or boards on or before September 30 of each year or 25 26 September 30 of the final year of a biennial period and file with the 27 auditor a copy of the adopted budget statement which complies with sections 13-518 to 13-522 or 79-1023 to 79-1030, if applicable, together 28 29 with the amount of the tax required to fund the adopted budget, setting 30 out separately (a) the amount to be levied for the payment of principal or interest on bonds issued or authorized to be issued by the governing 31

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body or the legal voters of the political subdivision and (b) the amount 1 to be levied for all other purposes. Proof of publication shall be 2 3 attached to the statements. For fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2017-18, learning communities shall also file a copy of such adopted 4 5 budget statement with member school districts on or before September 1 of 6 each year. If the prime rate published by the Federal Reserve Board is 7 ten percent or more at the time of the filing and certification required 8 under this subsection, the governing body, in certifying the amount 9 required, may make allowance for delinquent taxes not exceeding five percent of the amount required plus the actual percentage of delinquent 10 11 taxes for the preceding tax year or biennial period and for the amount of 12 estimated tax loss from any pending or anticipated litigation which involves taxation and in which tax collections have been or can be 13 14 withheld or escrowed by court order. For purposes of this section, 15 anticipated litigation shall be limited to the anticipation of an action being filed by a taxpayer who or which filed a similar action for the 16 17 preceding year or biennial period which is still pending. Except for such 18 allowances, a governing body shall not certify an amount of tax more than one percent greater or lesser than the amount determined under section 19 20 13-505.

(2) Each governing body shall use the certified taxable values as provided by the county assessor pursuant to section 13-509 for the current year in setting or certifying the levy. Each governing body may designate one of its members to perform any duty or responsibility required of such body by this section.

26 Sec. 22. Section 13-518, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 13-518 For purposes of sections 13-518 to 13-522:

(1) Allowable growth means (a) for governmental units other than
community colleges, the percentage increase in taxable valuation in
excess of the base limitation established under section 77-3446, if any,

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due to improvements to real property as a result of new construction, 1 additions to existing buildings, any improvements to real property which 2 3 increase the value of such property, and any increase in valuation due to annexation and any personal property valuation over the prior year and 4 5 (b) for community colleges, the percentage increase in excess of the base 6 limitation, if any, in full-time equivalent students from the second year 7 to the first year preceding the year for which the budget is being 8 determined;

9 (2) Capital improvements means (a) acquisition of real property or 10 (b) acquisition, construction, or extension of any improvements on real 11 property;

(3) Governing body has the same meaning as in section 13-503, except
 that for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2025, such term shall
 not include the governing body of any county, city, or village;

(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 <u>that such term shall not include (a)</u>
sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence for five
years or less, (b) and school districts, or (c) for fiscal years
beginning on or after July 1, 2025, counties, cities, or villages;

(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;

(6) Restricted funds means (a) property tax, excluding any amounts
refunded to taxpayers, (b) payments in lieu of property taxes, (c) local
option sales taxes, (d) motor vehicle taxes, (e) state aid, (f) transfers
of surpluses from any user fee, permit fee, or regulatory fee if the fee

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

12 (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 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 22 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.

29 Sec. 23. Section 13-2817, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:

31 13-2817 (1) Any municipality that is within the boundaries of a

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municipal county that is not merged into the municipal county shall be 1 2 required to pay the municipal county for services that were previously 3 provided by the county and are not ordinarily provided by a municipality. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the amount paid 4 5 shall be equal to the attributable cost of county services times a ratio, 6 the numerator of which is the total valuation of all municipalities that 7 are within the boundaries of the municipal county and the denominator of 8 which is the total valuation of the municipal county and all 9 municipalities and unconsolidated sanitary and improvement districts that are within the boundaries of the municipal county that are not merged 10 11 into the municipal county, times a ratio the numerator of which is the 12 valuation of the particular municipality and the denominator of which is the total valuation of all municipalities that are within the boundaries 13 14 of the municipal county, except that (a) the amount paid shall not exceed 15 the total taxable valuation of the municipality times forty-five hundredths of one percent and (b) the municipality shall not be required 16 17 to pay the municipal county for fire protection or ambulance services.

18 (2) The amount paid for law enforcement by a municipality that is within the boundaries of a municipal county but is not merged into the 19 20 municipal county shall be as follows: (a) If the county did not provide 21 law enforcement services prior to the formation of the municipal county 22 or if the municipality continues its own law enforcement services after 23 formation of the municipal county, the total cost of services budgeted by 24 the municipal county for law enforcement shall be the net cost of services that are the express and exclusive duties and responsibilities 25 26 of the county sheriff by law times the same ratios calculated in 27 subsection (1) of this section; (b) if the municipality discontinues providing law enforcement services after the formation of the municipal 28 29 county (i) the municipal county shall provide a level of service in such 30 municipality that is equal to the level provided in the area or areas of the municipal county that were municipalities prior to the formation of 31

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the municipal county and (ii) the municipality shall pay the municipal 1 2 county for the cost of county services for law enforcement as calculated 3 in subsection (1) of this section, except that for the first five years, the amount shall be no more than the amount budgeted by the municipality 4 5 for law enforcement services in the last year the municipality provided 6 the services for itself; and (c) if the municipal county has deputized 7 the police force of the municipality to perform the express and exclusive 8 duties and responsibilities of the county sheriff by law, there shall be 9 no amount paid to the municipal county for law enforcement services.

10 (3) Disputes regarding the amounts any municipality that is within 11 the boundaries of a municipal county that is not merged into the 12 municipal county must pay to the municipal county for services that were 13 previously provided by the county and are not ordinarily provided by a 14 municipality shall be heard in the district court of such municipal 15 county.

(4) For purposes of this section and section 13-2818, attributable 16 cost of county services means the total budgeted cost of services that 17 were previously provided by the county for the immediately prior fiscal 18 year times a ratio, the numerator of which is the property tax request of 19 20 the municipal county or the county and all cities to be consolidated for 21 the prior fiscal year, not including any tax for bonded indebtedness, and 22 the denominator of which is the total revenue from all sources that was of the restricted funds as defined in section 13-518 plus inheritance 23 24 taxes, fees, and charges and other revenue that were budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year by the municipal county or the county and 25 26 all cities to be consolidated.

27 Sec. 24. Section 14-109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:

14-109 (1)(a) The city council of a city of the metropolitan class
shall have power to tax for revenue, license, and regulate any person
within the limits of the city by ordinance except as otherwise provided

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in this section. Such tax may include both a tax for revenue and license. 1 2 The city council may raise revenue by levying and collecting a tax on any 3 occupation or business within the limits of the city. After March 27, 2014, any occupation tax imposed pursuant to this section shall make a 4 5 reasonable classification of businesses, users of space, or kinds of 6 transactions for purposes of imposing such tax, except that no occupation 7 tax shall be imposed on any transaction which is subject to tax under section 53-160, 66-489, 66-489.02, 66-4,140, 66-4,145, 66-4,146, 77-2602, 8 9 or 77-4008 or which is exempt from tax under section 77-2704.24. The occupation tax shall be imposed in the manner provided in section 10 11 18-1208, except that section 18-1208 does not apply to an occupation tax 12 subject to section 86-704. All such taxes shall be uniform in respect to the class upon which they are imposed. All scientific and literary 13 14 lectures and entertainments shall be exempt from taxation, as well as 15 concerts and all other musical entertainments given exclusively by the citizens of the city. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to deliver 16 17 to the city treasurer a copy of the ordinance levying such tax.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, limits of the city does notinclude the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of such city.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of this 20 21 subsection, the city council shall also have the power to require any 22 individual whose primary residence or person who owns a place of business 23 which is within the limits of the city and that owns and operates a motor 24 vehicle within such limits to annually register such motor vehicle in such manner as may be provided and to require such person to pay an 25 26 annual motor vehicle fee therefor and to require the payment of such fee 27 upon the change of ownership of such vehicle. All such fees which may be provided for under this subsection shall be credited to a separate fund 28 29 of the city, thereby created, to be used exclusively for constructing, 30 repairing, maintaining, or improving streets, roads, alleys, public ways, or parts of such streets, roads, alleys, or ways or for the amortization 31

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1 of bonded indebtedness when created for such purposes.

2 (b) No motor vehicle fee shall be required under this subsection if 3 (i) a vehicle is used or stored but temporarily in such city for a period of six months or less in a twelve-month period, (ii) an individual does 4 5 not have a primary residence or a person does not own a place of business 6 within the limits of the city and does not own and operate a motor 7 vehicle within the limits of the city, or (iii) an individual is a full-8 time student attending a postsecondary institution within the limits of 9 the city and the motor vehicle's situs under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act is different from the place at which he or she 10 11 is attending such institution.

(c) After December 31, 2012, no motor vehicle fee shall be required
of any individual whose primary residence is within the extraterritorial
zoning jurisdiction of such city or any person who owns a place of
business within such jurisdiction.

(d) For purposes of this subsection, limits of the city includes the
extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of such city.

(3) For purposes of this section, person includes bodies corporate,
societies, communities, the public generally, individuals, partnerships,
limited liability companies, joint-stock companies, cooperatives, and
associations. Person does not include any federal, state, or local
government or any political subdivision thereof.

23 Sec. 25. Section 15-202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read:

15-202 A city of the primary class shall have the power to levy taxes for general revenue purposes on all property within the corporate limits of the city taxable according to the laws of Nebraska and to levy an occupation tax on public service property or corporations in such amounts as may be proper and necessary, in the judgment of the mayor and city council, for purposes of revenue. All such taxes shall be uniform with respect to the class upon which they are imposed. The occupation tax

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may be based upon a certain percentage of the gross receipts of such 1 2 public service corporation or upon such other basis as may be determined 3 upon by the mayor and city council. After March 27, 2014, any occupation shall make 4 tax imposed pursuant to this section а reasonable 5 classification of businesses, users of space, or kinds of transactions 6 for purposes of imposing such tax, except that no occupation tax shall be 7 imposed on any transaction which is subject to tax under section 53-160, 8 66-489, 66-489.02, 66-4,140, 66-4,145, 66-4,146, 77-2602, or 77-4008 or 9 which is exempt from tax under section 77-2704.24. The occupation tax 10 shall be imposed in the manner provided in section 18-1208, except that 11 section 18-1208 does not apply to an occupation tax subject to section 12 86-704.

Sec. 26. Section 15-203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 15-203 A city of the primary class shall have power to raise revenue by levying and collecting a license or occupation tax on any person, 16 partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or business within 17 the limits of the city and regulate the same by ordinance except as 18 otherwise provided in this section and in section 15-212. After March 27, 19 2014, any occupation tax imposed pursuant to this section shall make a 20 21 reasonable classification of businesses, users of space, or kinds of 22 transactions for purposes of imposing such tax, except that no occupation 23 tax shall be imposed on any transaction which is subject to tax under 24 section 53-160, 66-489, 66-489.02, 66-4,140, 66-4,145, 66-4,146, 77-2602, 25 or 77-4008 or which is exempt from tax under section 77-2704.24. The 26 occupation tax shall be imposed in the manner provided in section 27 18-1208, except that section 18-1208 does not apply to an occupation tax subject to section 86-704. All such taxes shall be uniform in respect to 28 29 the class upon which they are imposed. All scientific and literary 30 lectures and entertainments shall be exempt from such taxation as well as concerts and all other musical entertainments given exclusively by the 31

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1 citizens of the city.

Sec. 27. Section 16-205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

16-205 A city of the first class may raise revenue by levying and 4 collecting a license or occupation tax on any person, partnership, 5 6 limited liability company, corporation, or business within the limits of 7 the city and may regulate the same by ordinance. After March 27, 2014, 8 any occupation tax imposed pursuant to this section shall make a 9 reasonable classification of businesses, users of space, or kinds of transactions for purposes of imposing such tax, except that no occupation 10 11 tax shall be imposed on any transaction which is subject to tax under 12 section 53-160, 66-489, 66-489.02, 66-4,140, 66-4,145, 66-4,146, 77-2602, or 77-4008 or which is exempt from tax under section 77-2704.24. The 13 14 occupation tax shall be imposed in the manner provided in section 15 18-1208, except that section 18-1208 does not apply to an occupation tax subject to section 86-704. All such taxes shall be uniform in respect to 16 17 the class upon which they are imposed. All scientific and literary lectures and entertainments shall be exempt from such taxation as well as 18 concerts and all other musical entertainments given exclusively by the 19 20 citizens of the city.

21 Sec. 28. Section 17-525, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

23 17-525 Cities of the second class and villages shall have power to 24 raise revenue by levying and collecting a license tax on any occupation or business within the limits of the city or village and regulate such 25 26 occupation or business by ordinance. After March 27, 2014, any occupation 27 imposed pursuant to this section shall make a reasonable tax classification of businesses, users of space, or kinds of transactions 28 29 for purposes of imposing such tax, except that no occupation tax shall be 30 imposed on any transaction which is subject to tax under section 53-160, 66-489, 66-489.02, 66-4,140, 66-4,145, 66-4,146, 77-2602, or 77-4008 or 31

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which is exempt from tax under section 77-2704.24. The occupation tax 1 2 shall be imposed in the manner provided in section 18-1208, except that 3 section 18-1208 does not apply to an occupation tax subject to section 86-704. All such taxes shall be uniform in respect to the classes upon 4 5 which they are imposed. All scientific and literary lectures and 6 entertainments shall be exempt from such taxation, as well as concerts 7 and other musical entertainments given exclusively by the citizens of the 8 city or village.

9 Sec. 29. Section 29-3933, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 29-3933 (1) Any county which intends to request reimbursement for a 12 portion of its expenditures for its indigent defense system must comply 13 with this section.

14 (2) In order to assist the Commission on Public Advocacy in its 15 budgeting process for determining future reimbursement amounts, after July 1, 2002, and before July 15, 2002, and for each year thereafter in 16 17 which the county intends to seek reimbursement for a portion of its expenditures for indigent defense services in felony cases for the next 18 fiscal year, the county shall present to the Commission on Public 19 20 Advocacy (a) a plan, in a format approved by the commission, describing 21 how the county intends to provide indigent defense services in felony 22 cases, (b) a statement of intent declaring that the county intends to 23 comply with the standards set by the commission for felony cases and that 24 the county intends to apply for reimbursement, and (c) a projection of the total dollar amount of expenditures for that county's indigent 25 26 defense services in felony cases for the next fiscal year.

(3) The commission may conduct whatever investigation is necessary and may require certifications by key individuals in the criminal justice system, in order to determine if the county is in compliance with the standards. If a county is certified by the commission as having met the standards established by the commission for felony cases, the county

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shall be eligible for reimbursement according to the following schedule and procedures: The county clerk of the county seeking reimbursement may submit, on a quarterly basis, a certified request to the commission, for reimbursement from funds appropriated by the Legislature, for an amount equal to one-fourth of the county's actual expenditures for indigent defense services in felony cases.

7 (4) Upon certification by the county clerk of the amount of the 8 expenditures, and a determination by the commission that the request is 9 in compliance with the standards set by the commission for felony cases, 10 the commission shall quarterly authorize an amount of reimbursement to 11 the county as set forth in this section.

(5) If the appropriated funds are insufficient in any quarter to meet the amount needed for full payment of all county reimbursements for net expenditures that are certified for that quarter, the commission shall pay the counties their pro rata share of the remaining funds based upon the percentage of the county's certified request in comparison to the total certified requests for that quarter.

(6) For purposes of section 13-519, for any year in which a county 18 first seeks reimbursement from funds appropriated by the Legislature or 19 20 has previously qualified for reimbursement and is seeking additional 21 reimbursement for improving its indigent criminal defense program, the 22 last prior year's total of restricted funds shall be the last prior 23 year's total of restricted funds plus any increased amount budgeted for 24 indigent defense services that is required to develop a plan and meet the standards necessary to qualify for reimbursement of expenses from funds 25 26 appropriated by the Legislature. This subsection applies to fiscal years 27 beginning prior to July 1, 2025.

28 Sec. 30. Section 53-160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 29 amended to read:

53-160 (1)(a) (1) For the purpose of raising revenue, a tax is
 imposed upon the privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer or a

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1 wholesaler at a rate of: (i) Thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer manufactured and sold by 2 3 such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in 4 the course of such business; 5 (ii) Ninety-five cents per gallon for wine manufactured and sold by 6 such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in 7 the course of such business, except for wines produced and released from 8 bond in farm wineries; 9 (iii) Six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond in farm wineries manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped 10 11 for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business; 12 (iv) Two dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures 13 14 and sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the 15 course of such business, one hundred thousand gallons of alcohol or spirits or less within such calendar year; and 16 17 (v) Seven dollars per gallon on alcohol and spirits that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures and sells in this 18 19 state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the course of such

20 <u>business, more than one hundred thousand gallons of alcohol or spirits</u> 21 <u>within such calendar year.</u>

22 thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer; ninety-five cents per 23 gallon for wine, except for wines produced and released from bond in farm 24 wineries; six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond 25 in farm wineries; and three dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on 26 alcohol and spirits manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped 27 for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business. 28 (b) The gallonage tax imposed by this subsection shall be imposed 29 only on alcoholic liquor upon which a federal excise tax is imposed.

30 (2) Manufacturers or wholesalers of alcoholic liquor shall be exempt31 from the payment of the gallonage tax on such alcoholic liquor upon

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satisfactory proof, including bills of lading furnished to the commission
 by affidavit or otherwise as the commission may require, that such
 alcoholic liquor was manufactured in this state but shipped out of the
 state for sale and consumption outside this state.

5 (3) Dry wines or fortified wines manufactured or shipped into this 6 state solely and exclusively for sacramental purposes and uses shall not 7 be subject to the gallonage tax.

(4) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon any alcoholic 8 9 liquor, whether manufactured in or shipped into this state, when sold to a licensed nonbeverage user for use in the manufacture of any of the 10 11 following when such products are unfit for beverage purposes: Patent and 12 proprietary medicines and medicinal, antiseptic, and toilet preparations; flavoring extracts, syrups, food products, and confections or candy; 13 14 scientific, industrial, and chemical products, except denatured alcohol; 15 or products for scientific, chemical, experimental, or mechanical purposes. 16

(5) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon the privilege of engaging in any business in interstate commerce or otherwise, which business may not, under the Constitution and statutes of the United States, be made the subject of taxation by this state.

(6) The gallonage tax shall be in addition to all other occupation
or privilege taxes imposed by this state or by any municipal corporation
or political subdivision thereof.

24 (7) The commission shall collect the gallonage tax and shall account for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each week all money 25 26 collected pursuant to this section. If any alcoholic liquor manufactured 27 in or shipped into this state is sold to a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of this state to be used solely as an ingredient in the 28 29 manufacture of any beverage for human consumption, the tax imposed upon 30 such manufacturer or wholesaler shall be reduced by the amount of the taxes which have been paid as to such alcoholic liquor so used under the 31

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Nebraska Liquor Control Act. The net proceeds of all revenue arising under this section shall be credited to the General Fund, except that the amount of gallonage tax revenue derived pursuant to subdivision (1)(a)(v) of this section from a rate in excess of three dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon shall be credited to the Education Future Fund.

Sec. 31. Section 72-2305, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

72-2305 For joint projects described in subdivision (2)(a) of 8 9 section 72-2303, the principal amount of bonds which may be issued by a qualified public agency under the Public Facilities Construction and 10 11 Finance Act shall not exceed five million dollars as to the total principal amount of such bonds which may be outstanding at any time, and 12 the annual amounts due by reason of such bonds from each qualified public 13 14 agency shall not exceed five percent of the total revenue from all 15 sources restricted funds of the obligated qualified public agency in the year prior to issuance. The principal amount of bonds of qualified public 16 agencies in the aggregate issued for any one such joint project shall not 17 exceed five million dollars. 18

Sec. 32. Section 72-2306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

21 72-2306 For joint projects described in subdivision (2)(b) of 22 section 72-2303, the principal amount of bonds which may be issued by a 23 qualified public agency under the Public Facilities Construction and 24 Finance Act shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars for cities of the metropolitan and primary classes, one hundred thousand 25 26 dollars for counties, cities of the first class, school districts, 27 educational service units, and community colleges, and fifty thousand dollars for cities of the second class and villages, as to the total 28 29 principal amount of such bonds which may be outstanding at any time, and 30 the annual amounts due by reason of such bonds from each qualified public agency shall not exceed five percent of the total revenue from all 31

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sources restricted funds of the obligated qualified public agency in the 1 2 year prior to issuance. The principal amount of bonds of a qualified 3 public agency in the aggregate issued for any one such joint project shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for cities of the 4 5 metropolitan and primary classes and one hundred thousand dollars for 6 counties, cities of the first class, cities of the second class, 7 villages, school districts, educational service units, and community 8 colleges.

9 Sec. 33. Section 77-382, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
10 2022, is amended to read:

11 77-382 (1) The department shall prepare a tax expenditure report 12 describing (a) the basic provisions of the Nebraska tax laws, (b) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by the exemptions, deductions, 13 14 exclusions, deferrals, credits, and preferential rates in effect on July 15 1 of each year and allowed under Nebraska's tax structure and in the property tax, (c) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by failure 16 17 to impose sales and use tax on services purchased for nonbusiness use, and (d) the elements which make up the tax base for state and local 18 income, including income, sales and use, property, and miscellaneous 19 taxes. 20

(2) The department shall review the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. The report shall indicate an estimate of the amount of the reduction in revenue resulting from the operation of all tax expenditures. The report shall list each tax expenditure relating to sales and use tax under the following categories:

(a) Agriculture, which shall include a separate listing for the
following items: Agricultural machinery; agricultural chemicals; seeds
sold to commercial producers; water for irrigation and manufacturing;
commercial artificial insemination; mineral oil as dust suppressant;
animal grooming; oxygen for use in aquaculture; animal life whose

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1 products constitute food for human consumption; and grains;

2 (b) Business across state lines, which shall include a separate 3 listing for the following items: Property shipped out-of-state; fabrication labor for items to be shipped out-of-state; property to be 4 5 transported out-of-state; property purchased in other states to be used 6 in Nebraska; aircraft delivery to an out-of-state resident or business; 7 state reciprocal agreements for industrial machinery; and property taxed in another state; 8

9 (c) Common carrier and logistics, which shall include a separate 10 listing for the following items: Railroad rolling stock and repair parts 11 and services; common or contract carriers and repair parts—and services; 12 common or contract carrier accessories; and common or contract carrier 13 safety equipment;

14 (d) Consumer goods, which shall include a separate listing for the 15 following items: Motor vehicles and motorboat trade-ins; merchandise medical 16 trade-ins; certain equipment and medicine; newspapers; laundromats; telefloral deliveries; motor vehicle discounts for the 17 disabled; and political campaign fundraisers; 18

(e) Energy, which shall include a separate listing for the following
items: Motor fuels; energy used in industry; energy used in agriculture;
aviation fuel; and minerals, oil, and gas severed from real property;

(f) Food, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Food for home consumption; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; school lunches; meals sold by hospitals; meals sold by institutions at a flat rate; food for the elderly, handicapped, and Supplemental Security Income recipients; and meals sold by churches;

(g) General business, which shall include a separate listing for the
following items: Component and ingredient parts; manufacturing machinery;
containers; film rentals; molds and dies; syndicated programming;
intercompany sales; intercompany leases; sale of a business or farm
machinery; and transfer of property in a change of business ownership;

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(h) Lodging and shelter, which shall include a separate listing for
 the following item: Room rentals by certain institutions;

3 (i) Miscellaneous, which shall include a separate listing for the 4 following items: Cash discounts and coupons; separately stated finance 5 charges; casual sales; lease-to-purchase agreements; and separately 6 stated taxes;

7 (j) Nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Purchases by 8 9 political subdivisions of the state; purchases by churches and nonprofit colleges and medical facilities; purchasing agents for public real estate 10 11 construction improvements; contractor as purchasing agent for public 12 agencies; Nebraska lottery; admissions to school events; sales on Native American Indian reservations; school-supporting fundraisers; fine art 13 14 purchases by a museum; purchases by the Nebraska State Fair Board; 15 purchases by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and licensees of the State Racing and Gaming Commission; purchases by the United States 16 17 Government; public records; and sales by religious organizations;

18 (k) Recent sales tax expenditures, which shall include a separate
19 listing for each sales tax expenditure created by statute or rule and
20 regulation after July 19, 2012;

21 (1) Services purchased for nonbusiness use, which shall include a 22 separate listing for each such service, including, but not limited to, 23 the following items: Motor vehicle cleaning, maintenance, and repair 24 services; cleaning and repair of clothing; cleaning, maintenance, and repair of other tangible personal property; maintenance, painting, and 25 26 repair of real property; entertainment admissions; personal care 27 services; lawn care, gardening, and landscaping services; pet-related services; storage and moving services; household utilities; other 28 29 personal services; taxi, limousine, and other transportation services; 30 legal services; and accounting services; other professional services; and 31 other real estate services; and

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1 (m) Telecommunications, which shall include a separate listing for 2 the following items: <u>Prepaid</u> Telecommunications access charges; prepaid 3 calling arrangements; conference bridging services; and nonvoice data 4 services.

5 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in the Tax 6 Expenditure Reporting Act shall cause the valuation or assessment of any 7 property exempt from taxation on the basis of its use exclusively for 8 religious, educational, or charitable purposes.

9 Sec. 34. Section 77-1632, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 10 amended to read:

11 77-1632 (1) If the annual assessment of property would result in an 12 increase in the total property taxes levied by a county, city, village, school district, learning community, sanitary and improvement district, 13 14 natural resources district, educational service unit, or community 15 college, as determined using the previous year's rate of levy, such political subdivision's property tax request for the current year shall 16 17 be no more than its property tax request in the prior year, and the political subdivision's rate of levy for the current year shall be 18 decreased accordingly when such rate is set by the county board of 19 20 equalization pursuant to section 77-1601. The governing body of the 21 political subdivision shall pass a resolution or ordinance to set the 22 amount of its property tax request after holding the public hearing 23 required in subsection (3) of this section. If the governing body of a 24 political subdivision seeks to set its property tax request at an amount that exceeds its property tax request in the prior year, it may do so, 25 26 subject to the limitations provided in the School District Property Tax 27 Limitation Act and the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act, to the extent allowed by law after holding the public hearing required in subsection 28 29 (3) of this section and by passing a resolution or ordinance that 30 complies with subsection (4) of this section. If any county, city, school district, or community college seeks to increase its property tax request 31

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by more than the allowable growth percentage, such political subdivision shall comply with the requirements of section 77-1633 in lieu of the requirements in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(2) If the annual assessment of property would result in no change 4 5 or a decrease in the total property taxes levied by a county, city, 6 village, school district, learning community, sanitary and improvement 7 district, natural resources district, educational service unit, or 8 community college, as determined using the previous year's rate of levy, 9 such political subdivision's property tax request for the current year shall be no more than its property tax request in the prior year, and the 10 11 political subdivision's rate of levy for the current year shall be 12 adjusted accordingly when such rate is set by the county board of equalization pursuant to section 77-1601. The governing body of the 13 14 political subdivision shall pass a resolution or ordinance to set the 15 amount of its property tax request after holding the public hearing required in subsection (3) of this section. If the governing body of a 16 17 political subdivision seeks to set its property tax request at an amount 18 that exceeds its property tax request in the prior year, it may do so, subject to the limitations provided in the School District Property Tax 19 20 Limitation Act and the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act, to the extent 21 allowed by law after holding the public hearing required in subsection 22 (3) of this section and by passing a resolution or ordinance that 23 complies with subsection (4) of this section. If any county, city, school 24 district, or community college seeks to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage, such political subdivision 25 26 shall comply with the requirements of section 77-1633 in lieu of the 27 requirements in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(3) The resolution or ordinance required under this section shall
only be passed after a special public hearing called for such purpose is
held and after notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation
in the area of the political subdivision at least four calendar days

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prior to the hearing. For purposes of such notice, the four calendar days 1 2 shall include the day of publication but not the day of hearing. If the 3 political subdivision's total operating budget, not including reserves, does not exceed ten thousand dollars per year or twenty thousand dollars 4 5 per biennial period, the notice may be posted at the governing body's 6 principal headquarters. The hearing notice shall contain the following 7 information: The certified taxable valuation under section 13-509 for the 8 prior year, the certified taxable valuation under section 13-509 for the 9 current year, and the percentage increase or decrease in such valuations from the prior year to the current year; the dollar amount of the prior 10 11 year's tax request and the property tax rate that was necessary to fund 12 that tax request; the property tax rate that would be necessary to fund last year's tax request if applied to the current year's valuation; the 13 14 proposed dollar amount of the tax request for the current year and the 15 property tax rate that will be necessary to fund that tax request; the percentage increase or decrease in the property tax rate from the prior 16 year to the current year; and the percentage increase or decrease in the 17 total operating budget from the prior year to the current year. 18

(4) Any resolution or ordinance setting a political subdivision's property tax request under this section at an amount that exceeds the political subdivision's property tax request in the prior year shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

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(a) The name of the political subdivision;

(b) The amount of the property tax request;

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(c) The following statements:

(i) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's
total assessed value by percent;

(ii) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes
as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of
property, would be \$.... per \$100 of assessed value;

31 (iii) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a

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property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.... per \$100
 of assessed value; and

3 (iv) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other 4 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision) 5 will (increase or decrease) last year's budget by percent; and

6 (d) The record vote of the governing body in passing such resolution7 or ordinance.

8 (5) Any resolution or ordinance setting a property tax request under 9 this section shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk on or 10 before October 15 of the year for which the tax request is to apply.

11 Sec. 35. Section 77-1633, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 12 amended to read:

13 77-1633 (1) For purposes of this section, political subdivision
14 means any county, city, school district, or community college.

(2) If any political subdivision seeks to increase its property tax
request by more than the allowable growth percentage, such political
subdivision may do so, <u>subject to the limitations provided in the School</u>
<u>District Property Tax Limitation Act and the Property Tax Growth</u>
<u>Limitation Act</u>, if the following requirements are met to the extent
allowed by law if:

(a) A public hearing is held and notice of such hearing is provided
in compliance with subsection (3) of this section; and

(b) The governing body of such political subdivision passes a
resolution or an ordinance that complies with subsection (4) of this
section.

26 (3)(a) Each political subdivision within a county that seeks to 27 increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth 28 percentage shall participate in a joint public hearing. Each such 29 political subdivision shall designate one representative to attend the 30 joint public hearing on behalf of the political subdivision. If a 31 political subdivision includes area in more than one county, the

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political subdivision shall be deemed to be within the county in which the political subdivision's principal headquarters are located. At such hearing, there shall be no items on the agenda other than discussion on each political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage.

6 (b) At least one elected official from each participating political 7 subdivision shall attend the joint public hearing. An elected official 8 may be the designated representative from a participating political 9 subdivision. The presence of a quorum or the participation of elected 10 officials at the joint public hearing does not constitute a meeting as 11 defined by section 84-1409 of the Open Meetings Act.

(c) The joint public hearing shall be held on or after September 14
and prior to September 24 and before any of the participating political
subdivisions file their adopted budget statement pursuant to section
13-508.

(d) The joint public hearing shall be held after 6 p.m. local timeon the relevant date.

(e) The joint public hearing shall be organized by the county clerk or his or her designee. At the joint public hearing, the designated representative of each political subdivision shall give a brief presentation on the political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and the effect of such request on the political subdivision's budget. The presentation shall include:

25 (i) The name of the political subdivision;

26 (ii) The amount of the property tax request; and

27 (iii) The following statements:

(A) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's
total assessed value by percent;

30 (B) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes31 as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of

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1 property, would be \$.... per \$100 of assessed value;

2 (C) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a property
3 tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.... per \$100 of
4 assessed value;

5 (D) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other 6 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision) 7 will exceed last year's by percent; and

8 (E) To obtain more information regarding the increase in the 9 property tax request, citizens may contact the (name of political 10 subdivision) at (telephone number and email address of political 11 subdivision).

(f) Any member of the public shall be allowed to speak at the jointpublic hearing and shall be given a reasonable amount of time to do so.

(g) Notice of the joint public hearing shall be provided:

(i) By sending a postcard to all affected property taxpayers. The
postcard shall be sent to the name and address to which the property tax
statement is mailed;

(ii) By posting notice of the hearing on the home page of the
relevant county's website, except that this requirement shall only apply
if the county has a population of more than ten thousand inhabitants; and

(iii) By publishing notice of the hearing in a legal newspaper in orof general circulation in the relevant county.

23 (h) Each political subdivision that participates in the joint public 24 shall electronically send the information prescribed in hearing subdivision (3)(i) of this section to the county assessor by September 4. 25 26 The county clerk shall notify the county assessor of the date, time, and 27 location of the joint public hearing no later than September 4. The county clerk shall notify each participating political subdivision of the 28 29 date, time, and location of the joint public hearing. The county assessor 30 shall send the information required to be included on the postcards pursuant to subdivision (3)(i) of this section to a printing service 31

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designated by the county board. The initial cost for printing the 1 postcards shall be paid from the county general fund. Such postcards 2 3 shall be mailed at least seven calendar days before the joint public hearing. The cost of creating and mailing the postcards, including staff 4 5 time, materials, and postage, shall be charged proportionately to the 6 political subdivisions participating in the joint public hearing based on 7 the total number of parcels in each participating political subdivision. 8 Each participating political subdivision shall also maintain а 9 prominently displayed and easily accessible link on the home page of the political subdivision's website to the political subdivision's proposed 10 11 budget, except that this requirement shall not apply if the political 12 subdivision is a county with a population of less than ten thousand inhabitants, a city with a population of less than one thousand 13 14 inhabitants, or, for joint public hearings prior to January 1, 2024, a 15 school district.

(i) The postcard sent under this subsection and the notice posted on 16 the county's website, if required under subdivision (3)(g)(ii) of this 17 section, and published in the newspaper shall include the date, time, and 18 location for the joint public hearing, a listing of and telephone number 19 20 for each political subdivision that will be participating in the joint 21 public hearing, and the amount of each participating political 22 subdivision's property tax request. The postcard shall also contain the 23 following information:

(i) The following words in capitalized type at the top of thepostcard: NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE;

(ii) The name of the county that will hold the joint public hearing,
which shall appear directly underneath the capitalized words described in
subdivision (3)(i)(i) of this section;

(iii) The following statement: The following political subdivisions
are proposing a revenue increase which would result in an overall
increase in property taxes in (insert current tax year). THE ACTUAL TAX

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1 ON YOUR PROPERTY MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE. This notice contains estimates 2 of the tax on your property as a result of this revenue increase. These 3 estimates are calculated on the basis of the proposed (insert current tax 4 year) data. The actual tax on your property may vary from these 5 estimates.

(iv) The parcel number for the property;

7 (v) The name of the property owner and the address of the property;

8 (vi) The property's assessed value in the previous tax year;

9 (vii) The amount of property taxes due in the previous tax year for 10 each participating political subdivision;

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(viii) The property's assessed value for the current tax year;

12 (ix) The amount of property taxes due for the current tax year for13 each participating political subdivision;

14 (x) The change in the amount of property taxes due for each
15 participating political subdivision from the previous tax year to the
16 current tax year; and

17 (xi) The following statement: To obtain more information regarding
18 the tax increase, citizens may contact the political subdivision at the
19 telephone number provided in this notice.

(4) After the joint public hearing required in subsection (3) of 20 21 this section, the governing body of each participating political 22 subdivision shall pass an ordinance or resolution to set such political 23 subdivision's property tax request. If the political subdivision is 24 increasing its property tax request over the amount from the prior year, including any increase in excess of the allowable growth percentage, then 25 26 such ordinance or resolution shall include, but not be limited to, the 27 following information:

28 (a) The name of the political subdivision;

29 (b) The amount of the property tax request;

30 (c) The following statements:

31 (i) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's

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1 total assessed value by percent;

2 (ii) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes 3 as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of 4 property, would be \$.... per \$100 of assessed value;

5 (iii) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a 6 property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.... per \$100 7 of assessed value; and

8 (iv) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other 9 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision) 10 will exceed last year's by percent; and

(d) The record vote of the governing body in passing such resolutionor ordinance.

(5) Any resolution or ordinance setting a property tax request under
this section shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk on or
before October 15 of the year for which the tax request is to apply.

16 (6) The county clerk, or his or her designee, shall prepare a report17 which shall include:

(a) The names of the designated representatives of the political
subdivisions participating in the joint public hearing;

(b) The name and address of each individual who spoke at the joint
public hearing, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the
security of the individual, and the name of any organization represented
by each such individual;

(c) The name of each political subdivision that participated in thejoint public hearing;

26 (d) The real growth value and real growth percentage for each27 participating political subdivision;

(e) The amount each participating political subdivision seeks to
 increase its property tax request in excess of the allowable growth
 percentage; and

31 (f) The number of individuals who signed in to attend the joint

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1 public hearing.

2 Such report shall be delivered to the political subdivisions 3 participating in the joint public hearing within ten days after such 4 hearing.

5 Sec. 36. Section 77-1701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 6 amended to read:

7 77-1701 (1) The county treasurer shall be ex officio county 8 collector of all taxes levied within the county. The county board shall 9 designate a county official to mail or otherwise deliver a statement of the amount of taxes due and a notice that special assessments are due, to 10 11 the last-known address of the person, firm, association, or corporation 12 against whom such taxes or special assessments are assessed or to the lending institution or other party responsible for paying such taxes or 13 14 special assessments. Such statement shall clearly indicate, for each 15 political subdivision, the levy rate and the amount of taxes due to fund public safety services as defined in section 13-320, county attorneys, 16 17 and public defenders. Such statement shall also clearly indicate, for each political subdivision, the levy rate and the amount of taxes due as 18 the result of principal or interest payments on bonds issued by the 19 political subdivision and shall show such rate and amount separate from 20 21 any other levy. When taxes on real property are delinquent for a prior 22 year, the county treasurer shall indicate this information on the current 23 year tax statement in bold letters. The information provided shall inform 24 the taxpayer that delinquent taxes and interest are due for the prior year or years and shall indicate the specific year or years for which 25 26 such taxes and interest remain unpaid. The language shall read "Back 27 Taxes and Interest Due For", followed by numbers to indicate each year for which back taxes and interest are due and a statement indicating that 28 29 failure to pay the back taxes and interest may result in the loss of the 30 real property. Failure to receive such statement or notice shall not relieve the taxpayer from any liability to pay such taxes or special 31

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1 assessments and any interest or penalties accrued thereon. In any county 2 in which a city of the metropolitan class is located, all statements of 3 taxes shall also include notice that special assessments for cutting 4 weeds, removing litter, and demolishing buildings are due.

5 (2) Notice that special assessments are due shall not be required 6 for special assessments levied by sanitary and improvement districts 7 organized under Chapter 31, article 7, except that such notice may be 8 provided by the county at the discretion of the county board or by the 9 sanitary and improvement district with the approval of the county board.

(3) A statement of the amount of taxes due and a notice that special 10 11 assessments are due shall not be required to be mailed or otherwise 12 delivered pursuant to subsection (1) of this section if the total amount of the taxes and special assessments due is less than two dollars. 13 14 Failure to receive the statement or notice shall not relieve the taxpayer 15 from any liability to pay the taxes or special assessments but shall relieve the taxpayer from any liability for interest or penalties. Taxes 16 17 and special assessments of less than two dollars shall be added to the amount of taxes and special assessments due in subsequent years and shall 18 not be considered delinquent until the total amount is two dollars or 19 20 more.

Sec. 37. Section 77-1776, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

23 77-1776 Any political subdivision which has received proceeds from a 24 levy imposed on all taxable property within an entire county which is in excess of that requested by the political subdivision under the Property 25 26 Tax Request Act as a result of a clerical error or mistake shall, in the 27 fiscal year following receipt, return the excess tax collections, net of the collection fee, to the county. By July 31 of the fiscal year 28 29 following the receipt of any excess tax collections, the county treasurer 30 shall certify to the political subdivision the amount to be returned. For fiscal years beginning prior to July 1, 2025, such Such excess tax 31

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collections shall be restricted funds in the budget of the county that
 receives the funds under section 13-518.

3 Sec. 38. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling 6 cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner 7 of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift, 8 9 or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows: On each package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes, 10 11 one dollar and thirty-six sixty-four cents per package; and on packages 12 containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty 13 14 cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the 15 first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package. 16

(2) Beginning October 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of forty-nine cents of such tax in the General Fund. 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.

(3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds ofsuch tax as follows:

(a) 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;

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(b) Beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer shall place the 1 2 equivalent of three cents of such tax in the Health and Human Services 3 Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this 4 5 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this 6 subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount 7 distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce 8 the distribution to the General Fund;

9 (c) Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State 10 11 Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the 12 Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for 13 14 FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this 15 subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund; 16

(d) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System 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;—and

(e) 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 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; and -

31 (f) Beginning November 1, 2024, the State Treasurer shall place the

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1 equivalent of seventy-two cents of such tax in the Education Future Fund.

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

6 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects 7 funded from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical 8 importance to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature 9 that the allocations and appropriations made by the Legislature to such fund not be reduced until all contracts and securities relating to the 10 11 construction and financing of the projects or portions of the projects 12 funded from such fund are completed or paid, and that until such time any reductions in the cigarette tax rate made by the Legislature shall be 13 14 simultaneously accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount 15 dedicated to the General Fund from cigarette tax revenue. Any provision made by the Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette 16 17 tax for projects or programs other than those to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health 18 and Human Services Cash Fund, (d) the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, 19 20 (e) the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund, and (f) 21 the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, and (g) the Education Future Fund 22 shall not be made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any of 23 the programs or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (\underline{q}) (f) of 24 this subsection.

25 Sec. 39. Section 77-2701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 26 amended by Laws 2024, LB937, section 67, Laws 2024, LB1023, section 8, 27 and Laws 2024, LB1317, section 80, is amended to read:

77-2701 Sections 77-2701 to 77-27,135.01, 77-27,222, 77-27,235,
77-27,236, and 77-27,238 to 77-27,241, section 71 of this act, section 11
of this act, and section 84 of this act <u>and sections 43 and 49 of this</u>
<u>act</u> shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

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Sec. 40. Section 77-2701.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 1 2 amended by Laws 2024, LB1317, section 81, is amended to read: 3 77-2701.02 (1) Pursuant to section 77-2715.01, the rate of the 4 sales tax levied pursuant to section 77-2703 shall be five and one-half 5 percent, except as otherwise provided in this section. ÷ 6 (2) Such rate shall be two and three-quarters percent on 7 transactions that occur within that portion of a good life district 8 established pursuant to the Good Life Transformational Projects Act which 9 is located within the corporate limits of a city or village. 10 (3) Such rate shall be thirty percent on consumable hemp products. (1) Until July 1, 1998, the rate of the sales tax levied pursuant to 11 12 section 77-2703 shall be five percent; 13 (2) Commencing July 1, 1998, and until July 1, 1999, the rate of the 14 sales tax levied pursuant to section 77-2703 shall be four and one-half 15 percent; 16 (3) Commencing July 1, 1999, and until the start of the first 17 calendar quarter after July 20, 2002, the rate of the sales tax levied 18 pursuant to section 77-2703 shall be five percent; 19 (4) Commencing on the start of the first calendar quarter after July 20 20, 2002, and until July 1, 2023, the rate of the sales tax levied 21 pursuant to section 77-2703 shall be five and one-half percent; 22 (5) Commencing July 1, 2023, and until July 1, 2024, the rate of the 23 sales tax levied pursuant to section 77-2703 shall be five and one-half 24 percent, except that such rate shall be two and three-quarters percent on 25 transactions occurring within a good life district as defined in section 26 77-4403; and 27 (6) Commencing July 1, 2024, the rate of the sales tax levied 28 pursuant to section 77-2703 shall be five and one-half percent, except 29 that such rate shall be two and three-quarters percent on transactions

30 that occur within that portion of a good life district established

31 pursuant to the Good Life Transformational Projects Act which is located

1 within the corporate limits of a city or village.

Sec. 41. Section 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as
amended by Laws 2024, LB937, section 68, and Laws 2024, LB1317, section
82, is amended to read:

5 77-2701.04 For purposes of sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and 6 77-27,239, section 71 of this act, and section 84 of this act<u>and</u> 7 <u>sections 43 and 49 of this act</u>, unless the context otherwise requires, 8 the definitions found in sections 77-2701.05 to 77-2701.56 <u>and section 43</u> 9 <u>of this act</u>shall be used.

10 Sec. 43. <u>(1) Consumable hemp product means a finished product that</u> 11 <u>contains hemp as defined in section 2-503 and that has a delta-9</u> 12 <u>tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry</u> 13 <u>weight basis.</u>

14 (2) Consumable hemp product does not include a product made from the 15 mature stalks of a plant of the genus cannabis, fiber produced from such 16 stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other 17 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such 18 mature stalks, the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of 19 germination, or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the 20 federal Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. 44. Section 77-2704.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

77-2704.13 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of:

(1) Sales and purchases of electricity, coal, gas, fuel oil, diesel
fuel, tractor fuel, propane, gasoline, coke, nuclear fuel, butane, wood
as fuel, and corn as fuel when more than fifty percent of the amount
purchased is for use directly in irrigation or farming;

30 (2) Sales and purchases of such energy sources or fuels when more31 than fifty percent of the amount purchased is for use directly in

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processing, manufacturing, or refining, in the generation of electricity, in the compression of natural gas for retail sale as a vehicle fuel, or by any hospital. For purposes of this subdivision, processing includes the drying and aerating of grain in commercial agricultural facilities; and

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(3) Sales and purchases of electricity for residential use; and

7 (4) (3) Sales and purchases of water used for irrigation of
 8 agricultural lands and manufacturing purposes.

9 Sec. 46. Section 77-2704.27, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
10 is amended to read:

11 77-2704.27 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross 12 receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of, the service to, and the 13 storage, use, or other consumption in this state of railroad rolling 14 stock whether owned by a railroad or by any other person.

Sec. 47. Section 77-2704.50, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

17 77-2704.50 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or 18 other consumption in this state from the purchase in this state or the 19 20 purchase outside this state, with title passing in this state, of 21 materials and replacement parts and any associated labor used as or used 22 directly in the repair and maintenance or manufacture of railroad rolling 23 stock, whether owned by a railroad or by any person, whether a common or 24 contract carrier or otherwise, motor vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft engaged as common or contract carriers or the purchase in such manner of 25 26 motor vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft to be used as common or contract 27 carriers. All purchasers seeking to take advantage of the exemption shall apply to the Tax Commissioner for a common or contract carrier exemption. 28 29 All common or contract carrier exemption certificates shall expire on 30 October 31, 2013, and on October 31 every five years thereafter. All persons seeking to continue to take advantage of the common or contract 31

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1 carrier exemption shall apply for a new certificate at the expiration of 2 the prior certificate. The Tax Commissioner shall notify such exemption 3 certificate holders at least sixty days prior to the expiration date of 4 such certificate that the certificate will expire and be null and void as 5 of such date.

Sec. 48. Section 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

8 77-2704.67 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross 9 receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or 10 other consumption in this state of any sale of a membership in or an 11 admission to or any purchase by a nationally accredited zoo or aquarium 12 operated by a public agency or nonprofit corporation primarily for 13 educational, scientific, or tourism purposes.

Sec. 50. Section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB937, section 74, Laws 2024, LB1023, section 9, Laws 2024, LB1344, section 9, and Laws 2024, LB1402, section 2, is amended to read:

18 77-2715.07 (1) There shall be allowed to qualified resident 19 individuals as a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by 20 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) A credit equal to the federal credit allowed under section 22 of
 the Internal Revenue Code; and

(b) A credit for taxes paid to another state as provided in section77-2730.

(2) There shall be allowed to qualified resident individuals against
the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross incomes of
greater than twenty-nine thousand dollars, a nonrefundable credit equal
to twenty-five percent of the federal credit allowed under section 21 of
the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that for taxable
years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such

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nonrefundable credit shall be allowed only if the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under section 21 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining eligibility for the federal credit;

6 (b) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross income of 7 twenty-nine thousand dollars or less, a refundable credit equal to a 8 percentage of the federal credit allowable under section 21 of the 9 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, whether or not the federal credit was limited by the federal tax liability. The percentage of the 10 11 federal credit shall be one hundred percent for incomes not greater than twenty-two thousand dollars, and the percentage shall be reduced by ten 12 percent for each one thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, by which the 13 14 reported federal adjusted gross income exceeds twenty-two thousand 15 dollars, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if 16 the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under 17 section 21 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net 18 operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining 19 20 eligibility for the federal credit;

(c) A refundable credit as provided in section 77-5209.01 for
individuals who qualify for an income tax credit as a qualified beginning
farmer or livestock producer under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act
for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1,
2006, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(d) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income
tax credit under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska
Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research
and Development Act, the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act, or the
Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act; and

31 (e)(i) (e) A refundable credit equal to:

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<u>(A) Ten ten percent of the federal credit allowed under section 32</u>
 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, <u>for taxable years</u>
 <u>beginning or deemed to begin prior to January 1, 2025; and</u>

4 (B) Twenty percent of the federal credit allowed under section 32 of
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for taxable years
6 beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2025.

7 <u>(ii) For except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin</u> 8 on or after January 1, 2015, <u>the such</u> refundable credit <u>provided in</u> 9 <u>subdivision (2)(e)(i) of this section</u> shall be allowed only if the 10 individual would have received the federal credit allowed under section 11 32 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net operating 12 loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining 13 eligibility for the federal credit.

14 (3) There shall be allowed to all individuals as a nonrefundable 15 credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 16 1967:

17 (a) A credit for personal exemptions allowed under section18 77-2716.01;

(b) A credit for contributions to programs or projects certified for 19 tax credit status as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic 20 21 Futures Act. Each partner, each shareholder of an electing subchapter S 22 corporation, each beneficiary of an estate or trust, or each member of a 23 limited liability company shall report his or her share of the credit in 24 the same manner and proportion as he or she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, estate, trust, or limited liability company 25 26 income;

(c) A credit for investment in a biodiesel facility as provided in
section 77-27,236;

(d) A credit as provided in the New Markets Job Growth InvestmentAct;

31 (e) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet

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1 Revitalization Act;

2 (f) A credit to employers as provided in sections 77-27,238 and
3 77-27,240;

4 (g) A credit as provided in the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act;

5 (h) A credit to grocery store retailers, restaurants, and 6 agricultural producers as provided in section 77-27,241;

7 (i) A credit as provided in the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit8 Act;

9 (j) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Shortline Rail 10 Modernization Act;

11 (k) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act; and

12 (1) A credit as provided in the Caregiver Tax Credit Act.

13 (4) There shall be allowed as a credit against the income tax14 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) A credit to all resident estates and trusts for taxes paid to
another state as provided in section 77-2730;

(b) A credit to all estates and trusts for contributions to programs
or projects certified for tax credit status as provided in the Creating
High Impact Economic Futures Act; and

20 (c) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income 21 tax credit as an owner of agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer 22 Tax Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or 23 after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as 24 amended. The credit allowed for each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or 25 26 estate or trust qualifying for an income tax credit as an owner of 27 agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act shall be equal to the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion 28 29 of the amount of tax credit distributed pursuant to subsection (6) of 30 section 77-5211.

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(5)(a) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007,

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and before January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as 1 amended, there shall be allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or 2 3 beneficiary of a partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax 4 5 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to fifty percent of the 6 partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the 7 amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to 8 77-3807 by a financial institution.

9 (b) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be 10 11 allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a 12 partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by 13 14 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to the partner's, shareholder's, 15 member's, or beneficiary's portion of the amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution. 16

(c) Each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary shall report his or her share of the credit in the same manner and proportion as he or she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust income. If any partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary cannot fully utilize the credit for that year, the credit may not be carried forward or back.

(6) There shall be allowed to all individuals nonrefundable credits
against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as
provided in section 77-3604 and refundable credits against the income tax
imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section
77-3605.

(7)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2026, under the Internal Revenue
Code of 1986, as amended, a nonrefundable credit against the income tax
imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in the amount of five

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1 thousand dollars shall be allowed to any individual who purchases a 2 residence during the taxable year if such residence:

3 (i) Is located within an area that has been declared an extremely
4 blighted area under section 18-2101.02;

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(ii) Is the individual's primary residence; and

6 (iii) Was not purchased from a family member of the individual or a7 family member of the individual's spouse.

8 (b) The credit provided in this subsection shall be claimed for the 9 taxable year in which the residence is purchased. If the individual 10 cannot fully utilize the credit for such year, the credit may be carried 11 forward to subsequent taxable years until fully utilized.

12 (c) No more than one credit may be claimed under this subsection13 with respect to a single residence.

(d) The credit provided in this subsection shall be subject to recapture by the Department of Revenue if the individual claiming the credit sells or otherwise transfers the residence or quits using the residence as his or her primary residence within five years after the end of the taxable year in which the credit was claimed.

(e) For purposes of this subsection, family member means an
individual's spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, or
grandparent, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption.

(8) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, and the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act.

(9)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
January 1, 2022, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a
refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue
Act of 1967 shall be allowed to the parent of a stillborn child if:

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(i) A fetal death certificate is filed pursuant to subsection (1) of
 section 71-606 for such child;

3 (ii) Such child had advanced to at least the twentieth week of4 gestation; and

5 (iii) Such child would have been a dependent of the individual6 claiming the credit.

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(b) The amount of the credit shall be two thousand dollars.

8 (c) The credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which the 9 stillbirth occurred.

10 (10) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits 11 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as 12 provided in section 77-7203 and nonrefundable credits against the income 13 tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section 14 77-7204.

15 (11) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits 16 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as 17 provided in section 37 of this act and nonrefundable credits against the 18 income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in 19 sections 36, 38, and 39 of this act.

20 Sec. 51. Section 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 21 amended by Laws 2024, LB1108, section 3, is amended to read:

22 77-27,132 (1) There is hereby created a fund to be designated the Revenue Distribution Fund which shall be set apart and maintained by the 23 24 Tax Commissioner. Revenue not required to be credited to the General Fund or any other specified fund may be credited to the Revenue Distribution 25 26 Fund. Credits and refunds of such revenue shall be paid from the Revenue 27 Distribution Fund. The balance of the amount credited, after credits and refunds, shall be allocated as provided by the statutes creating such 28 29 revenue.

30 (2) The Tax Commissioner shall pay to a depository bank designated
31 by the State Treasurer all amounts collected under the Nebraska Revenue

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Act of 1967. The Tax Commissioner shall present to the State Treasurer
 bank receipts showing amounts so deposited in the bank, and of the
 amounts so deposited the State Treasurer shall:

4 (a)(i) For transactions occurring on or after October 1, 2014, and 5 before July 1, 2024, credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital 6 Maintenance Fund all of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed 7 pursuant to section 77-2703 on the sale or lease of motorboats as defined 8 in section 37-1204, personal watercraft as defined in section 37-1204.01, 9 all-terrain vehicles as defined in section 60-103, and utility-type 10 vehicles as defined in section 60-135.01; and

11 (ii) For transactions occurring on or after July 1, 2024, credit to 12 the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund all of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to section 77-2703 13 14 on the sale or lease of motorboats as defined in section 37-1204, 15 personal watercraft as defined in section 37-1204.01, all-terrain vehicles as defined in section 60-103, and utility-type vehicles as 16 17 defined in section 60-135.01, and from such proceeds, transfers shall be made to the Nebraska Emergency Medical System Operations Fund as provided 18 19 in section 37-327.02;

20 (b) Credit to the Highway Trust Fund all of the proceeds of the 21 sales and use taxes derived from the sale or lease for periods of more 22 than thirty-one days of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, 23 except that the proceeds equal to any sales tax rate provided for in 24 section 77-2701.02 that is in excess of five percent derived from the sale or lease for periods of more than thirty-one days of motor vehicles, 25 26 trailers, and semitrailers shall be credited to the Highway Allocation 27 Fund;

(c) For transactions occurring on or after July 1, 2013, and before July 1, 2042, of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes derived from transactions other than those listed in subdivisions (2)(a), (b), and (e) of this section from a sales tax rate of one-quarter of one percent,

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credit monthly eighty-five percent to the Highway Trust Fund and fifteen
 percent to the Highway Allocation Fund;

3 (d) Of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes derived from transactions other than those listed in subdivisions (2)(a), (b), and (e)4 of this section, credit to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund the amount 5 6 certified under section 77-27,237, if any such certification is made; and 7 (e) For transactions occurring on or after July 1, 2023, credit to 8 the Department of Transportation Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund all 9 of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to section 77-2703 on the sale or lease of aircraft as defined in section 3-101; 10 11 and -

12 <u>(f) Credit to the Education Future Fund an amount equal to the</u> 13 <u>increase in sales and use tax revenue received as a result of the changes</u> 14 <u>made by this legislative bill. The amount to be credited under this</u> 15 <u>subdivision shall be determined annually by the Tax Commissioner.</u>

16 The balance of all amounts collected under the Nebraska Revenue Act 17 of 1967 shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 52. Section 77-27,142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 77-27,142 (1) Any incorporated municipality other than a city of the 21 metropolitan class by ordinance of its governing body is hereby 22 authorized to impose a sales and use tax of one-half percent, one 23 percent, one and one-half percent, one and three-guarters percent, or two 24 percent upon the same transactions that are sourced under the provisions 77-2703.01 to 77-2703.04 25 of sections within such incorporated 26 municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax 27 pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as amended from time to time. Any city of the metropolitan class by ordinance of its governing 28 29 body is hereby authorized to impose a sales and use tax of one-half 30 percent, one percent, or one and one-half percent upon the same transactions that are sourced under the provisions of sections 77-2703.01 31

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to 77-2703.04 within such city of the metropolitan class on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as amended from time to time. No sales and use tax shall be imposed pursuant to this section until an election has been held and a majority of the qualified electors have approved such tax pursuant to sections 77-27,142.01 and 77-27,142.02.

7 (2)(a) Any incorporated municipality that proposes to impose a 8 municipal sales and use tax at a rate greater than one and one-half 9 percent or increase a municipal sales and use tax to a rate greater than one and one-half percent shall submit the question of such tax or 10 11 increase at a primary or general election held within the incorporated 12 municipality. The question shall be submitted upon an affirmative vote by at least seventy percent of all of the members of the governing body of 13 14 the incorporated municipality.

(b) Any rate greater than one and one-half percent shall be used asfollows:

17 (i) In a city of the primary class, up to fifteen percent of the proceeds from the rate in excess of one and one-half percent may be used 18 for non-public infrastructure projects of an interlocal agreement or 19 20 joint public agency agreement with another political subdivision within 21 the municipality or the county in which the municipality is located, and 22 the remaining proceeds shall be used for public infrastructure projects 23 or voter-approved infrastructure related to an economic development 24 program as defined in section 18-2705; and

(ii) In any incorporated municipality other than a city of the primary class, the proceeds from the rate in excess of one and one-half percent shall be used for public infrastructure projects or voterapproved infrastructure related to an economic development program as defined in section 18-2705.

30 For purposes of this section, public infrastructure project means 31 and includes, but is not limited to, any of the following projects, or

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any combination thereof: Public highways and bridges and municipal roads, 1 2 streets, bridges, and sidewalks; solid waste management facilities; 3 wastewater, storm water, and water treatment works and systems, water distribution facilities, and water resources projects, including, but not 4 5 limited to, pumping stations, transmission lines, and mains and their 6 appurtenances; hazardous waste disposal systems; resource recovery 7 systems; airports; port facilities; buildings and capital equipment used 8 in the operation of municipal government; convention and tourism 9 facilities; redevelopment projects as defined in section 18-2103; mass transit and other transportation systems, including parking facilities; 10 11 and equipment necessary for the provision of municipal services.

(c) Any rate greater than one and one-half percent shall terminate no more than ten years after its effective date or, if bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever date is later, except as provided in subdivision (2)(d) of this section.

(d) If a portion of the rate greater than one and one-half percent is stated in the ballot question as being imposed for the purpose of the interlocal agreement or joint public agency agreement described in subdivision (2)(b)(i) or subsection (3) of this section, and such portion is at least one-eighth percent, there shall be no termination date for the rate representing such portion rounded to the next higher one-quarter or one-half percent.

(e) For fiscal years beginning prior to July 1, 2025, sections
 Sections 13-518 to 13-522 apply to the revenue from any such tax or
 increase.

(3)(a) No municipal sales and use tax shall be imposed at a rate greater than one and one-half percent or increased to a rate greater than one and one-half percent unless the municipality is a party to an interlocal agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or a joint public agency agreement pursuant to the Joint Public Agency Act

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with a political subdivision within the municipality or the county in
 which the municipality is located creating a separate legal or
 administrative entity relating to a public infrastructure project.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section, 4 5 such interlocal agreement or joint public agency agreement shall contain 6 provisions, including benchmarks, relating to the long-term development 7 of unified governance of public infrastructure projects with respect to the parties. The Legislature may provide additional requirements for such 8 9 agreements, including benchmarks, but such additional requirements shall not apply to any debt outstanding at the time the Legislature enacts such 10 11 additional requirements. The separate legal or administrative entity 12 created shall not be one that was in existence for one calendar year preceding the submission of the question of such tax or increase at a 13 14 primary or general election held within the incorporated municipality.

(c) Any other public agency as defined in section 13-803 may be a
party to such interlocal cooperation agreement or joint public agency
agreement.

(d) A municipality is not required to use all of the additional revenue generated by a sales and use tax imposed at a rate greater than one and one-half percent or increased to a rate greater than one and onehalf percent under this subsection for the purposes of the interlocal cooperation agreement or joint public agency agreement set forth in this subsection.

(4) The provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not
apply to the first one and one-half percent of a sales and use tax
imposed by a municipality.

(5) Notwithstanding any provision of any municipal charter, any
incorporated municipality or interlocal agency or joint public agency
pursuant to an agreement as provided in subsection (3) of this section
may issue bonds in one or more series for any municipal purpose and pay
the principal of and interest on any such bonds by pledging receipts from

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the increase in the municipal sales and use taxes authorized by such 1 2 municipality. Any municipality which has or may issue bonds under this 3 section may dedicate a portion of its property tax levy authority as provided in section 77-3442 to meet debt service obligations under the 4 5 bonds. For purposes of this subsection, bond means any evidence of 6 indebtedness, including, but not limited to, bonds, notes including notes 7 issued pending long-term financing arrangements, warrants, debentures, 8 obligations under a loan agreement or a lease-purchase agreement, or any 9 similar instrument or obligation.

Sec. 53. Section 77-27,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

12 77-27,144 (1) The Tax Commissioner shall collect the tax imposed by any incorporated municipality concurrently with collection of a state tax 13 14 in the same manner as the state tax is collected. The Tax Commissioner 15 shall remit monthly the proceeds of the tax to the incorporated municipalities levying the tax, after deducting the amount of refunds 16 17 made and fifteen percent of the remainder to be credited as follows: (a) Three percent shall be credited to the Municipal Equalization Fund; and 18 (b) twelve percent shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to 19 20 the Education Future Fund. For fiscal year 2024-25, the incorporated 21 municipalities levying the tax shall be guaranteed to receive total net 22 taxable sales equal to the fiscal year 2023-24 net taxable sales amount 23 plus one percent. For each fiscal year thereafter, the guaranteed taxable 24 sales amount shall increase by one percent three percent of the remainder 25 to be credited to the Municipal Equalization Fund.

(2)(a) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to section 77-4105, 77-4106, 77-5725, or 77-5726 and owed by a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village shall be delayed for one year after the refund has been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall notify the municipality liable for a refund exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars of the pending refund, the amount of the refund, and the

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1 month in which the deduction will be made or begin, except that if the 2 amount of a refund claimed under section 77-4105, 77-4106, 77-5725, or 3 77-5726 exceeds twenty-five percent of the municipality's total sales and 4 use tax receipts, net of any refunds or sales tax collection fees, for 5 the municipality's prior fiscal year, the department shall deduct the 6 refund over the period of one year in equal monthly amounts beginning 7 after the one-year notification period required by this subdivision.

8 (b) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to section 77-4105, 9 77-4106, 77-5725, or 77-5726 and owed by a city of the metropolitan class 10 or city of the primary class shall be made as follows:

(i) During calendar year 2023, such deductions shall be made in
 accordance with subsection (1) of this section; and

(ii) During calendar year 2024 and each calendar year thereafter, 13 14 such deductions shall be made based on estimated amounts as described in 15 this subdivision. On or before March 1, 2023, and on or before March 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Revenue shall notify each city of 16 17 the metropolitan class and city of the primary class of the total amount of such refunds that are estimated to be paid during the following 18 calendar year. Such estimated amount shall be used to establish the total 19 20 amount to be deducted in the following calendar year. The department 21 shall deduct such amount over the following calendar year in twelve equal 22 monthly amounts. Beginning with the notification sent in calendar year 23 2025, the notification shall include any adjustment needed for the prior 24 calendar year to account for any difference between the estimated amount deducted in such prior calendar year and the actual amount of refunds 25 26 paid in such year.

(3) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act shall be delayed as provided in this subsection after the refund has been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall notify each municipality liable for a refund exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars of the pending refund and the amount of the refund claimed under

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the ImagiNE Nebraska Act. The notification shall be made by March 1 of 1 2 each year beginning in 2021 and shall be used to establish the refund 3 amount for the following calendar year. The notification shall include any excess or underpayment from the prior calendar year. The department 4 5 shall deduct the refund over a period of one year in equal monthly 6 amounts beginning in January following the notification. This subsection 7 applies to total annual refunds exceeding one million dollars or twentyfive percent of the municipality's total sales and use tax receipts for 8 9 the prior fiscal year, whichever is the lesser amount.

(4) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment 10 11 Act shall be delayed as provided in this subsection after the refund has 12 been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall notify each municipality liable for a refund exceeding one thousand five hundred 13 14 dollars of the pending refund and the amount of the refund claimed under 15 the Urban Redevelopment Act. The notification shall be made by March 1 of each year beginning in 2022 and shall be used to establish the refund 16 17 amount for the following calendar year. The notification shall include any excess or underpayment from the prior calendar year. The department 18 shall deduct the refund over a period of one year in equal monthly 19 20 amounts beginning in January following the notification. This subsection 21 applies to total annual refunds exceeding one million dollars or twenty-22 five percent of the municipality's total sales and use tax receipts for 23 the prior fiscal year, whichever is the lesser amount.

24 (5) The Tax Commissioner shall keep full and accurate records of all money received and distributed under the provisions of the Local Option 25 26 Revenue Act. When proceeds of a tax levy are received but the identity of 27 the incorporated municipality which levied the tax is unknown and is not identified within six months after receipt, the amount shall be credited 28 29 to the Municipal Equalization Fund. The municipality may request the 30 names and addresses of the retailers which have collected the tax as provided in subsection (13) of section 77-2711 and may certify an 31

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individual to request and review confidential sales and use tax returns
 and sales and use tax return information as provided in subsection (14)
 of section 77-2711.

(6)(a) Every qualifying business that has filed an application to 4 5 receive tax incentives under the Employment and Investment Growth Act, 6 the Nebraska Advantage Act, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, or the Urban 7 Redevelopment Act shall, with respect to such acts, provide annually to each municipality, in aggregate data, the maximum amount the qualifying 8 9 business is eligible to receive in the current year in refunds of local sales and use taxes of the municipality and exemptions for the previous 10 year, and the estimate of annual refunds of local sales and use taxes of 11 the municipality and exemptions such business intends to claim in each 12 future year. Such information shall be kept confidential by the 13 14 municipality unless publicly disclosed previously by the taxpayer or by 15 the State of Nebraska.

16 (b) For purposes of this subsection, municipality means a 17 municipality that has adopted the local option sales and use tax under 18 the Local Option Revenue Act and to which the qualifying business has 19 paid such sales and use tax.

(c) The qualifying business shall provide the information to themunicipality on or before June 30 of each year.

(d) Any amounts held by a municipality to make sales and use tax refunds under the Employment and Investment Growth Act, the Nebraska Advantage Act, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, and the Urban Redevelopment Act shall not count toward any budgeted restricted funds limitation as provided in section 13-519 or toward any cash reserve limitation as provided in section 13-504 and shall be excluded from the limitations of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act.

Sec. 54. Section 77-27,235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

31 77-27,235 (1) Any producer of electricity generated by a new

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renewable electric generation facility shall earn a renewable energy tax 1 credit. For electricity generated on or after July 14, 2006, and before 2 3 October 1, 2007, the credit shall be .075 cent for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by a new renewable electric generation facility. 4 5 For electricity generated on or after October 1, 2007, and before January 6 1, 2010, the credit shall be .1 cent for each kilowatt-hour of 7 electricity generated by a new renewable electric generation facility. 8 For electricity generated on or after January 1, 2010, and before January 9 1, 2013, the credit shall be .075 cent per kilowatt-hour for electricity generated by a new renewable electric generation facility. For 10 11 electricity generated on or after January 1, 2013, the credit shall be 12 .05 cent per kilowatt-hour for electricity generated by a new renewable electric generation facility. The credit may be earned for production of 13 14 electricity for ten years after the date that the facility is placed in 15 operation on or after July 14, 2006.

16 (2) For purposes of this section:

17 (a) Electricity generated by a new renewable electric generation
18 facility means electricity that is exclusively produced by a new
19 renewable electric generation facility;

(b) Eligible renewable resources means wind, moving water, solar,
geothermal, fuel cell, methane gas, or photovoltaic technology; and

(c) New renewable electric generation facility means an electrical generating facility located in this state that is first placed into service on or after July 14, 2006, which utilizes eligible renewable resources as its fuel source.

(3) The credit allowed under this section may be used to reduce the producer's Nebraska income tax liability or to obtain a refund of state sales and use taxes paid by the producer of electricity generated by a new renewable electric generation facility. A claim to use the credit for refund of the state sales and use taxes paid, either directly or indirectly, by the producer may be filed guarterly for electricity

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1 generated during the previous quarter by the twentieth day of the month 2 following the end of the calendar quarter. The credit may be used to 3 obtain a refund of state sales and use taxes paid during the quarter 4 immediately preceding the quarter in which the claim for refund is made, 5 except that the amount refunded under this subsection shall not exceed 6 the amount of the state sales and use taxes paid during the quarter.

7 (4) The Department of Revenue may adopt and promulgate rules and 8 regulations to permit verification of the validity and timeliness of any 9 renewable energy tax credit claimed.

(5) The total amount of renewable energy tax credits that may be
 used by all taxpayers shall be limited to fifty thousand dollars without
 further authorization from the Legislature.

13 (6) The credit allowed under this section may not be claimed by a
 producer who received a sales tax exemption under section 77-2704.57 for
 the new renewable electric generation facility.

(6) (7) Interest shall not be allowed on any refund paid under this
 section.

18 Sec. 55. Section 77-3005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as 19 amended by Laws 2024, LB685, section 11, is amended to read:

20 77-3005 (1) The occupation tax levied and imposed by the Mechanical 21 Amusement Device Tax Act shall be in addition to any and all taxes or 22 fees, of any form whatsoever, now imposed by the State of Nebraska upon 23 the business of operating or distributing mechanical amusement devices τ 24 except that payment of the tax and license fees due and owing on or 25 before the licensing date of each year shall exempt any such mechanical 26 amusement device from the application of the sales tax which would or 27 could otherwise be imposed under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967. 28 Nonpayment of the taxes or fees due and owing on or before the licensing 29 date of each year shall render the exemption provided by this section 30 inapplicable, and the particular mechanical amusement devices shall then 31 be subject to all the provisions of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967,

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including the penalty provisions pertaining to the distributor or
 operator of such mechanical amusement devices.

3 (2) No political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall levy or 4 impose any tax on mechanical amusement devices in addition to the taxes 5 imposed by the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act.

Sec. 57. Section 77-3506.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
as amended by Laws 2024, LB126, section 4, is amended to read:

8 77-3506.03 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, 9 for homesteads valued at or above the maximum value, the exempt amount 10 for any exemption under section 77-3507 or 77-3508 shall be reduced by 11 ten percent for each two thousand five hundred dollars of value by which 12 the homestead exceeds the maximum value and any homestead which exceeds 13 the maximum value by twenty thousand dollars or more is not eligible for 14 any exemption under section 77-3507 or 77-3508.

(2)(a) For homesteads valued at or above the maximum value, the exempt amount shall not be reduced and the homestead shall <u>be</u> remain eligible for an exemption under section 77-3507 or 77-3508 for the current year if the homestead:

(i) Received an exemption under section 77-3507 or 77-3508 in the
previous year or in calendar year 2022, 2023, or 2024;

(ii) Was valued below the maximum value <u>plus twenty thousand dollars</u>
in such previous year; and

(iii) Is not ineligible for an exemption under section 77-3507 or
77-3508 for any reason other than as provided in subsection (1) of this
section.

(b) If a homestead remains eligible for an exemption under subdivision (a) of this subsection for any year, the homestead shall continue to be eligible for each year thereafter unless the homestead is not eligible for such exemption for any reason other than as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

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(c) The percentage of the exempt amount for a homestead for any year

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1 such homestead is valued at or above the maximum value and <u>is</u> remains 2 eligible for exemption under this subsection shall be equal to the 3 percentage of the exempt amount for the homestead in the last year the 4 homestead received an exemption under section 77-3507 or 77-3508 and was 5 valued below the maximum value <u>plus twenty thousand dollars</u>.

6 (d) If the homestead's increase in value from the previous year to a 7 value at or above the maximum value is due to improvements to the 8 homestead, this subsection shall not apply to such homestead.

9 (3) This section shall not apply to any exemption under section 10 77-3506.

11 Sec. 58. Section 77-4001, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 12 amended by Laws 2024, LB1204, section 25, is amended to read:

13 77-4001 Sections 77-4001 to 77-4025, and sections 29 and 30 of this 14 act, and sections 60, 61, and 63 of this act shall be known and may be 15 cited as the Tobacco Products Tax Act.

16 Sec. 59. Section 77-4002, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 17 amended to read:

18 77-4002 For purposes of the Tobacco Products Tax Act, unless the 19 context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 77-4003 to 20 77-4007 and sections 60, 61, and 63 of this act shall be used.

Sec. 60. <u>Alternative nicotine product has the same meaning as in</u>
 <u>section 28-1418.01.</u>

23 Sec. 61. <u>Closed-system nicotine container means a sealed,</u> prefilled, and disposable container of consumable material in which such 24 25 container is either inserted directly into an electronic nicotine 26 delivery system or sold as an integrated and nonremovable part of an 27 electronic nicotine delivery system, if the consumable material in the 28 container is inaccessible through customary or reasonably foreseeable 29 handling or use.

30 Sec. 62. Section 77-4003.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 31 amended to read:

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77-4003.02 Electronic nicotine delivery system has the same meaning
 as in section 28-1418.01. <u>The term includes closed-system nicotine</u>
 <u>containers and open-system nicotine containers.</u>

4 Sec. 63. <u>Open-system nicotine container means a container of</u> 5 <u>consumable material that is intended to be refillable or that otherwise</u> 6 <u>is intended to make the consumable material accessible to the consumer</u> 7 <u>through customary or reasonably foreseeable handling or use.</u>

8 Sec. 64. Section 77-4007, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is9 amended to read:

77-4007 Tobacco products shall mean (1) cigars, (2) cheroots, (3) 10 stogies, (4) periques, (5) granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, 11 and other smoking tobacco, (6) snuff, (7) snuff flour, (8) cavendish, (9) 12 plug and twist tobacco, (10) fine cut and other chewing tobacco, (11) 13 14 shorts, refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings, and sweepings of tobacco, 15 (12) other kinds and forms of tobacco, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing or smoking in a pipe or otherwise or both for 16 17 chewing and smoking, and (13) electronic nicotine delivery systems, and (14) alternative nicotine products, except that tobacco products shall 18 not mean cigarettes as defined in section 77-2601. 19

20 Sec. 65. Section 77-4008, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 21 amended to read:

77-4008 (1)(a) A tax is hereby imposed upon the first owner of
tobacco products to be sold in this state.

(b) The tax on snuff shall be forty-four cents per ounce and a
proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.
Such tax shall be computed based on the net weight as listed by the
manufacturer.

(c) The tax on an electronic nicotine delivery system <u>that is a</u>
 <u>closed-system nicotine container</u> containing three milliliters or less of
 consumable material shall be <u>thirty</u> five cents per milliliter of
 consumable material and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all

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1 fractional parts of a milliliter.

2 (d) The tax on an electronic nicotine delivery system <u>that is an</u> 3 <u>open-system nicotine container</u> containing more than three milliliters of 4 <u>consumable material</u> shall be <u>thirty ten</u> percent of (i) the purchase price 5 of such electronic nicotine delivery system paid by the first owner or 6 (ii) the price at which the first owner who made, manufactured, or 7 fabricated the electronic nicotine delivery system sells the item to 8 others.

9 (e) For electronic nicotine delivery systems in the possession of retail dealers for which tax has not been paid, the tax under this 10 11 subsection shall be imposed at the earliest time the retail dealer: (i) Brings or causes to be brought into the state any electronic nicotine 12 delivery system for sale; (ii) makes, manufactures, or fabricates any 13 14 electronic nicotine delivery system in this state for sale in this state; 15 or (iii) sells any electronic nicotine delivery system to consumers within this state. 16

17 (f) The tax on alternative nicotine products shall be ten cents per 18 ounce and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of 19 an ounce. Such tax shall be computed based on the net weight as listed by 20 the manufacturer.

(g) (f) The tax on tobacco products, other than snuff, and electronic nicotine delivery systems, and alternative nicotine products, shall be twenty percent of (i) the purchase price of such tobacco products paid by the first owner or (ii) the price at which a first owner who made, manufactured, or fabricated the tobacco product sells the items to others.

27 (h) (g) The tax on tobacco products shall be in addition to all
 28 other taxes.

(2) Whenever any person who is licensed under section 77-4009
purchases tobacco products from another person licensed under section
77-4009, the seller shall be liable for the payment of the tax.

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(3) Amounts collected pursuant to this section shall be used and
 distributed pursuant to section 77-4025.

Sec. 66. Section 77-4014, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

5 77-4014 (1) On or before the tenth day of each calendar month, every 6 person licensed under subsection (1) of section 77-4009 shall file a 7 return with the Tax Commissioner showing either the quantity and the 8 price of each tobacco product brought or caused to be brought into this 9 state for sale or the quantity and the price of each tobacco product made, manufactured, or fabricated in this state for sale in this state, 10 11 whichever is applicable, during the preceding calendar month. For snuff 12 and alternative nicotine products, such return shall also include the net weight as listed by the manufacturer. 13

(2) Every person licensed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 77-4009 shall, in the manner described in subsection (1) of this section, file a return showing in detail the different kinds, quantity, and wholesale sales price of each tobacco product shipped or transported to retailers in this state to be sold by such retailers during the preceding calendar month. For snuff<u>and alternative nicotine products</u>, such return shall also include the net weight as listed by the manufacturer.

(3) Returns shall be made upon forms furnished and prescribed by the Tax Commissioner. Each return shall be accompanied by a remittance for the full tax liability shown, less an amount of such liability equal to any amount allowed a payer of the sales and use tax pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of section 77-2708 as compensation to reimburse the licensee for his or her expenses incurred in complying with the Tobacco Products Tax Act.

28 Sec. 67. Section 77-4017, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as 29 amended by Laws 2024, LB1204, section 33, is amended to read:

30 77-4017 (1) Every person licensed or certified under the Tobacco
 31 Products Tax Act shall keep complete and accurate records for all places

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of business, including itemized invoices of tobacco products (a) held, 1 2 purchased, manufactured, or brought in or caused to be brought into this 3 state or (b) for a person located outside of this state, shipped or transported to retailers in this state. Such records shall be of 4 5 sufficient detail to identify the manufacturer of each tobacco product 6 held, purchased, manufactured, or brought in or caused to be brought into 7 this state. For snuff and alternative nicotine products, such records 8 shall also include the net weight as listed by the manufacturer.

9 (2) All books, records, and other papers and documents required to 10 be kept by this section shall be preserved for a period of at least three 11 years after the due date of the tax imposed by the Tobacco Products Tax 12 Act unless the Tax Commissioner, in writing, authorizes their destruction 13 or disposal at an earlier date.

14 (3) At any time during usual business hours, duly authorized agents 15 or employees of the Tax Commissioner may enter any place of business of a person licensed or certified under the Tobacco Products Tax Act and 16 17 inspect the premises, the records required to be kept pursuant to this section, and the tobacco products contained in such place of business for 18 purposes of determining whether or not such person is in full compliance 19 20 with the act. Refusal to permit such inspection by a duly authorized 21 agent or employee of the Tax Commissioner shall be grounds for 22 revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the license or certification.

23 Sec. 68. Section 77-4025, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 24 amended by Laws 2024, LB1204, section 36, is amended to read:

25 77-4025 (1) There is hereby created a cash fund in the Department of 26 Revenue to be known as the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund. All 27 revenue collected or received by the Tax Commissioner from the license 28 fees, certification fees, and taxes imposed by the Tobacco Products Tax 29 Act shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Tobacco 30 Products Administration Cash Fund, except that all such revenue relating 31 to electronic nicotine delivery systems shall be remitted to the State

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1 Treasurer for credit as follows:

2 (a) Two-thirds of the tax revenue relating to electronic nicotine
3 delivery systems shall be credited to the Education Future Fund; and

4 (b) All other revenue relating to electronic nicotine delivery
5 systems shall be credited to the General Fund.

6 (2) All costs required for administration of the Tobacco Products 7 Tax Act shall be paid from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund. 8 Credits and refunds allowed under the act shall be paid from the Tobacco 9 Products Administration Cash Fund. Any receipts, after credits and 10 refunds, in excess of the amounts sufficient to cover the costs of 11 administration may be transferred to the General Fund at the direction of 12 the Legislature.

(3) Any money in the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund
available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
State Funds Investment Act.

17 Sec. 69. Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 18 amended by Laws 2024, LB126, section 11, is amended to read:

77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under 19 20 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars. 21 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be 22 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature 23 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008 24 using available revenue. For tax year 2017, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars. For tax 25 26 year 2020 through tax year 2022, the minimum amount of relief granted 27 under the act shall be two hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax year 2023, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be 28 three hundred sixty million dollars. For tax year 2024, the minimum 29 30 amount of relief granted under the act shall be three hundred ninety-five million dollars. For tax year 2025, the minimum amount of relief granted 31

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under the act shall be one hundred ninety-five four hundred thirty 1 2 million dollars. For tax year 2026, the minimum amount of relief granted 3 under the act shall be one hundred eighty four hundred forty-five million dollars. For tax year 2027, the minimum amount of relief granted under 4 5 the act shall be <u>one hundred seventy</u> four hundred sixty million dollars. 6 For tax year 2028, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act 7 shall be one hundred eighty-five four hundred seventy-five million 8 dollars. For tax year 2029, the minimum amount of relief granted under 9 the act shall be the minimum amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the 10 11 total assessed value of all real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as determined by the Department of Revenue, 12 plus an additional seventy-five million dollars. For tax year 2030 and 13 14 each tax year thereafter, the minimum amount of relief granted under the 15 act shall be the minimum amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed 16 17 value of all real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as determined by the Department of Revenue. If money is 18 transferred or credited to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund pursuant to 19 20 any other state law, such amount shall be added to the minimum amount 21 required under this subsection when determining the total amount of 22 relief granted under the act. The relief shall be in the form of a 23 property tax credit which appears on the property tax statement.

(2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the property tax credit for the property.

30 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the 31 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount

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disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the property tax credit for the property.

5 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption 6 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and section 3 of this act, the owner 7 shall also be qualified for the relief provided in the act to the extent 8 of any remaining liability after calculation of the relief provided by 9 the homestead exemption. If the credit results in a property tax liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the amount of the 10 11 credit which cannot be used by the taxpayer shall be returned to the 12 Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of the year the amount disbursed to disbursed. Property Tax Administrator 13 the county was The shall 14 immediately credit any funds returned under this subsection to the 15 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Upon the return of any funds under this subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically file a report with 16 17 the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed by the Тах 18 Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to each taxing unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection 19 20 fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits 21 returned.

22 (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to 23 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement 24 determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the real property valuation in the county to the real property 25 26 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator 27 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each 28 29 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal 30 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the 31

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1 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing 2 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the 3 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such 4 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing 5 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.

6 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each 7 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined 8 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the 9 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator 10 11 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each 12 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal 13 14 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before 15 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing 16 17 unit, excluding school districts, based on its share of the credits granted to all taxpayers in the taxing unit. 18

19 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means 20 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and 21 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for 22 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special 23 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for 24 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special 25 valuation.

(6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the
Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August
1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.

(7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from theProperty Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.

31 Sec. 70. Section 77-4405, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as

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amended by Laws 2024, LB1317, section 90, and Laws 2024, LB1344, section
 14, is amended to read:

3 77-4405 (1) If the department finds that creation of the good life 4 district would not exceed the limits prescribed in subsection (4) of 5 section 77-4404 and the project described in the application meets the 6 eligibility requirements of this section, the application shall be 7 approved.

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(2) A project is eligible if:

9 (a) The applicant demonstrates that the total new development costs10 of the project will exceed:

(i) One billion dollars if the project will be located in a city ofthe metropolitan class;

(ii) Seven hundred fifty million dollars if the project will be
located in a city of the primary class;

(iii) Five hundred million dollars if the project will be located in
a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village within a
county with a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more; or

(iv) One hundred million dollars if the project will be located in a
city of the first class, city of the second class, village, or sanitary
and improvement district within a county with a population of less than
one hundred thousand inhabitants;

(b) The applicant demonstrates that the project will directly orindirectly result in the creation of:

(i) One thousand new jobs if the project will be located in a cityof the metropolitan class;

(ii) Five hundred new jobs if the project will be located in a city
of the primary class;

(iii) Two hundred fifty new jobs if the project will be located in a
city of the first class, city of the second class, or village within a
county with a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more; or

31 (iv) Fifty new jobs if the project will be located in a city of the

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1 first class, city of the second class, village, or sanitary and 2 improvement district within a county with a population of less than one 3 hundred thousand inhabitants; and

(c)(i) For a project that will be located in a county with a 4 5 population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more, the applicant 6 demonstrates that, upon completion of the project, at least twenty 7 percent of sales at the project will be made to persons residing outside 8 the State of Nebraska or the project will generate a minimum of six 9 hundred thousand visitors per year who reside outside the State of Nebraska and the project will attract new-to-market retail to the state 10 11 and will generate a minimum of three million visitors per year. Students 12 from another state who attend a Nebraska public or private university shall not be counted as out-of-state residents for purposes of this 13 14 subdivision; or

(ii) For a project that will be located in a county with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants, the applicant demonstrates that, upon completion of the project, at least twenty percent of sales at the project will be made to persons residing outside the State of Nebraska. Students from another state who attend a Nebraska public or private university shall not be counted as out-of-state residents for purposes of this subdivision.

(3) The applicant must certify that any anticipated diversion of state sales tax revenue will be offset or exceeded by sales tax paid on anticipated development costs, including construction to real property, during the same period.

26 (4) A project is not eligible if:

(a) The project includes a licensed racetrack enclosure or an
authorized gaming operator as such terms are defined in section 9-1103,
except that this subdivision shall not apply to infrastructure or
facilities that are (i) publicly owned or (ii) used by or at the
direction of the Nebraska State Fair Board, so long as no gaming devices

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or games of chance are expected to be operated by an authorized gaming
 operator within any such facilities;

3 (b) The project received funds pursuant to the Shovel-Ready Capital 4 Recovery and Investment Act or the Economic Recovery Act, except that 5 this subdivision shall not apply to any project located in a qualified 6 inland port district; or

7 (c) The project includes any portion of a public or private8 university.

9 (5) Approval of an application under this section shall establish the good life district as that area depicted in the map accompanying the 10 11 application as submitted pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of section 12 77-4404. Such district shall last for thirty years and shall not exceed two thousand acres in size if in a city of the metropolitan class, three 13 14 thousand acres in size if in any other class of city or village, or, for 15 any good life district created within a qualified inland port district, the size of the qualified inland port district. 16

17 (6)(a) Prior to July 1, 2024, any transactions occurring within a
 18 good life district shall be subject to a reduced state sales tax rate as
 19 provided in subdivision (5) of section 77-2701.02.

20 (6) Any (b) On and after July 1, 2024, any transactions occurring
21 within a good life district shall be subject to a reduced state sales tax
22 rate as provided in subdivision (6) of section 77-2701.02.

23 (7) After establishment of a good life district pursuant to this 24 section, a good life district applicant may adjust the boundaries of the district by filing an amended map with the department and updates or 25 26 supplements to the application materials originally submitted by the good 27 life district applicant to demonstrate the eligibility criteria in subsection (2) of this section will be met after the boundaries are 28 29 adjusted. The department shall approve the new boundaries on the 30 following conditions:

31 (a) The department determines that the eligibility criteria in

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subsection (2) of this section will continue to be met after the proposed
 boundary adjustment based on the materials submitted by the good life
 district applicant; and

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(b) For any area being removed from the district:

5 (i) The department shall solicit and receive from the city or 6 village in which all or a portion of the good life district is located 7 confirmation that no area being removed is attributable to local sources 8 of revenue which have been pledged for payment of bonds issued pursuant 9 to the Good Life District Economic Development Act. Confirmation may 10 include resolutions, meeting minutes, or other official measures adopted 11 or taken by the city council or village board of trustees; and

12 (ii) Either the department has received written consent from the owners of real estate proposed to be removed from the good life district, 13 14 or a hearing is held by the department in the manner described in this 15 subdivision and the department finds that the removal of the affected property is in the best interests of the state and that the removal is 16 17 consistent with the goals and purposes of the approved application for the good life district. In determining whether removal of the affected 18 property is consistent with the goals and purposes of the approved 19 20 application for the good life district, the department may consider any 21 formal action taken by the city council or village board of trustees. 22 Proof of such formal action may include resolutions, meeting minutes, or 23 other official measures adopted or taken. Such hearing must be held at 24 least ninety days after delivering written notice via certified mail to the owners of record for the affected real estate proposed to be removed 25 26 from the good life district. The hearing must be open to the public and 27 for the stated purpose of hearing testimony regarding the proposed removal of property from the good life district. Attendees must be given 28 29 the opportunity to speak and submit documentary evidence at, prior to, or 30 contemporaneously with such hearing for the department to consider in 31 making its findings.

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(8) After establishment of a good life district pursuant to this 1 2 section, but within twelve months after the approval of the original 3 application or after any modification is made to the boundaries of a good life district pursuant to this section, a city or village in which any 4 5 part of the applicable good life district is located may file a 6 supplemental request to the department to increase the size of the good 7 life district by up to one thousand acres. Such supplemental request 8 shall be accompanied by such materials and certifications necessary to 9 demonstrate that such increase would not negatively impact the criteria that were necessary for the original establishment of such good life 10 11 district.

12 (9) After establishment of a good life district pursuant to this section and after any modification is made to the boundaries of a good 13 14 life district pursuant to this section, the department shall transmit to 15 any city or village which includes such good life district within its boundaries or within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction (a) all 16 17 information held by the department related to the application and approval of the application, (b) all documentation which describes the 18 included within the good life district, 19 property and (C) all 20 documentation transmitted to the applicant for such good life district 21 with approval of the application and establishment of the good life 22 district. Such city or village shall be subject to the same 23 confidentiality restrictions as provided in subsection (3) of section 24 77-4404, except that all such documents, plans, and specifications included in the application which the city or village determine define or 25 26 describe the project may be provided upon written request of any person 27 who owns property in the applicable good life district.

(10) After establishment of a good life district that exceeds one thousand acres in size, the good life district applicant may apply to the department to establish development and design standards for the good life district. Such standards may include, but are not limited to,

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architectural design, 1 standards for landscape design, construction 2 materials, and sustainability, but may not require property owners to 3 utilize specific contractors, professionals, suppliers, or service providers. The department may approve the standards after holding a 4 5 hearing after one hundred eighty days' notice to all property owners in 6 the district if the department finds that the standards will ensure a 7 comprehensive and cohesive character and aesthetic for development in the 8 good life district, and that the standards will further the purposes of 9 the Good Life Transformational Projects Act. The development and design standards must be commercially reasonable and consistent with terminology 10 11 and accepted practices in the architecture industry, must not conflict 12 with any building code or other similar law or regulation, and must not impose an undue burden on property owners in the district. If approved, 13 14 the standards shall apply to all new construction inside of the good life 15 district. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such standards established by the department shall be in addition and supplemental to any local 16 17 zoning, building code, comprehensive plan, or similar requirements of the city or village, which requirements of the city or village shall control 18 to the extent of any conflict with any design standards established by 19 20 the department.

(11) Demonstration of meeting the required new development costs for purposes of subdivision (2)(a) of this section may be established by evidence submitted by the good life district applicant, the city or village where the good life district is located, or any other person which submits satisfactory evidence to the department.

26 Sec. 71. Section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 27 2022, is amended to read:

77-4602 (1) Within fifteen days after the end of each month, the Tax Commissioner shall provide a public statement of actual General Fund net receipts, a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly estimated net receipts from the most recent forecast provided by the

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Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board pursuant to section
 77-27,158, and a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly
 actual net receipts for the same month of the previous fiscal year.

4 (2) Within fifteen days after the end of each fiscal year, the 5 public statement shall also include (a) a summary of actual General Fund 6 net receipts and estimated General Fund net receipts for the fiscal year 7 as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603 and (b) a 8 comparison of the actual General Fund net receipts for the fiscal year to 9 the actual General Fund net receipts for the previous fiscal year.

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<u>(3)(a) This subsection applies on and after July 1, 2025.</u>

11 (b) If actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently 12 completed fiscal year exceed estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal year, as reported pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the 13 14 Tax Commissioner shall certify the excess amount to the State Treasurer. 15 The State Treasurer shall transfer the excess amount to the Cash Reserve Fund, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3)(c) of this section. 16 17 (c) If actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year exceed one hundred three percent of actual General 18 19 Fund net receipts for the previous fiscal year, the transfer described in subdivision (3)(b) of this section shall be modified as follows: 20

(i) The amount transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund shall be reduced
 by the excess amount calculated under subdivision (3)(c) of this section;
 and

24 (ii) Such excess amount shall be transferred to the Education Future
 25 Fund.

26 (3)(a) Within fifteen days after the end of fiscal year 2020-21 and
27 each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2022-23, the Tax
28 Commissioner shall determine the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund.

29 (b) If the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund is less than five 30 hundred million dollars:

31 (i) The Tax Commissioner shall determine:

(A) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed
 fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal
 year as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603; and

4 (B) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed
5 fiscal year minus one hundred three and one-half percent of actual
6 General Fund net receipts for the prior fiscal year.

7 (ii) If the amounts calculated under subdivisions (3)(b)(i)(A) and 8 (3)(b)(i)(B) of this section are both positive numbers, the Tax 9 Commissioner shall certify (A) the amount determined under subdivision 10 (3)(b)(i)(A) of this section and (B) fifty percent of the amount 11 determined under subdivision (3)(b)(i)(B) of this section to the State 12 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall transfer the difference between the 13 two certified amounts to the Cash Reserve Fund.

14 (iii) If the amount calculated under subdivision (3)(b)(i)(A) of 15 this section is a positive number but the amount calculated under 16 subdivision (3)(b)(i)(B) of this section is a negative number, the Tax 17 Commissioner shall certify the amount determined under subdivision (3)(b) 18 (i)(A) of this section to the State Treasurer and the State Treasurer 19 shall transfer such certified amount to the Cash Reserve Fund.

20 (c) If the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund is five hundred million
21 dollars or more:

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(i) The Tax Commissioner shall determine:

(A) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed
 fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal
 year as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603; and

(B) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed
 fiscal year minus one hundred three and one-half percent of actual
 General Fund net receipts for the prior fiscal year.

29 (ii) If the amounts calculated under subdivisions (3)(c)(i)(A) and 30 (3)(c)(i)(B) of this section are both positive numbers, the Tax 31 Commissioner shall certify (A) the amount determined under subdivision

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(3)(c)(i)(A) of this section and (B) the amount determined under
subdivision (3)(c)(i)(B) of this section to the State Treasurer. The
State Treasurer shall transfer the difference between the two certified
amounts to the Cash Reserve Fund.

5 (iii) If the amount calculated under subdivision (3)(c)(i)(A) of 6 this section is a positive number but the amount calculated under 7 subdivision (3)(c)(i)(B) of this section is a negative number, the Tax 8 Commissioner shall certify the amount determined under subdivision (3)(c) 9 (i)(A) of this section to the State Treasurer and the State Treasurer 10 shall transfer such certified amount to the Cash Reserve Fund.

11 (4)(a) Within fifteen days after the end of fiscal year 2023-24 and 12 each fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commissioner shall determine the 13 following:

(i) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed
 fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal
 year as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603; and

17 (ii) Fifty percent of the product of actual General Fund net 18 receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year times the difference 19 between the annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net 20 receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year and the average 21 annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net receipts over 22 the twenty previous fiscal years, excluding the year in which the annual 23 percentage change in actual General Fund net receipts is the lowest.

(b) If the number determined under subdivision (4)(a)(i) of this section is a positive number, the Tax Commissioner shall immediately certify the greater of the two numbers determined under subdivision (4) (a) of this section to the director. The State Treasurer shall transfer the certified amount from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund upon certification by the director of such amount. The transfer shall be made according to the following schedule:

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(i) An amount equal to the amount determined under subdivision (4)

1 (a)(i) of this section shall be transferred immediately; and

2 (ii) The remainder, if any, shall be transferred by the end of the
3 subsequent fiscal year.

4 (c) If the transfer required under subdivision (4)(b) of this 5 section causes the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund to exceed sixteen 6 percent of the total budgeted General Fund expenditures for the current 7 fiscal year, such transfer shall be reduced so that the balance of the 8 Cash Reserve Fund does not exceed such amount.

9 (d) Nothing in this subsection prohibits the balance in the Cash 10 Reserve Fund from exceeding sixteen percent of the total budgeted General 11 Fund expenditures each fiscal year if the Legislature determines it 12 necessary to prepare for and respond to budgetary requirements which may 13 include, but are not limited to, capital construction projects and 14 responses to emergencies.

Sec. 72. Section 77-6403, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

77-6403 (1) Any county that has a qualified judgment in excess of 17 twenty-five million dollars rendered against it may, upon adoption of a 18 resolution by the affirmative vote of at least a two-thirds majority of 19 all elected members of the county board, impose a sales and use tax of 20 21 one-half of one percent on transactions that are subject to the state 22 sales and use tax under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as amended from time to time, and that are sourced as provided in sections 77-2703.01 to 23 24 77-2703.04 within the county. Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be used to pay the qualified judgment. 25

(2) The Tax Commissioner shall administer all sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to this section. The Tax Commissioner may prescribe forms and adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in conformity with the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as amended, for the making of returns and for the ascertainment, assessment, and collection of taxes. The county shall furnish a certified copy of the resolution imposing the tax

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to the Tax Commissioner. The tax shall begin on the first day of the first calendar quarter which begins at least sixty days after receipt by the Tax Commissioner of the certified copy of the resolution. The Tax Commissioner shall provide at least thirty days' notice of the adoption of the tax to retailers within the county. Such notice may be provided through the website of the Department of Revenue or by other electronic means.

8 (3) Any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this section shall 9 terminate on the first day of the first calendar quarter which begins after the qualified judgment has been paid in full or after seven years, 10 11 whichever is earlier. The county shall notify the Tax Commissioner of the 12 anticipated termination date at least one hundred twenty days in advance. The Tax Commissioner shall provide at least sixty days' notice of the 13 14 termination date to retailers within the county. Such notice may be 15 provided through the website of the Department of Revenue or by other electronic means. 16

17 (4) The Tax Commissioner shall collect any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this section concurrently with collection of a state sales 18 and use tax in the same manner as the state tax is collected. The Tax 19 20 Commissioner shall remit monthly the proceeds of the tax to the county 21 imposing the tax, after deducting the amount of refunds made and fifteen 22 three percent of the remainder as an administrative fee necessary to 23 defray the cost of collecting the tax and the expenses incident thereto. 24 The Tax Commissioner shall keep full and accurate records of all money received and distributed. All receipts from the fifteen percent three-25 26 percent administrative fee shall be deposited in the state General Fund. 27 For fiscal year 2024-25, the counties imposing the tax shall be 28 guaranteed to receive total net taxable sales equal to the fiscal year 29 2023-24 net taxable sales amount plus one percent. For each fiscal year 30 thereafter, the guaranteed taxable sales amount shall increase by one 31 percent.

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1 (5) Upon any claim of illegal assessment and collection of any sales 2 and use tax imposed pursuant to this section, the taxpayer has the same 3 remedies provided for claims of illegal assessment and collection of the 4 state sales and use tax.

5 (6) All relevant provisions of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as 6 amended, not inconsistent with this section, shall govern transactions, 7 proceedings, and activities related to any sales and use tax imposed 8 pursuant to this section.

9 (7) For purposes of any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this 10 section, all retail sales, rentals, and leases, as defined and described 11 in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, shall be sourced as provided in 12 sections 77-2703.01 to 77-2703.04.

Sec. 73. Section 77-6702, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is amended to read:

15 77-6702 For purposes of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act:

(1) Allowable growth percentage means the percentage increase, if
 any, in the total assessed value of all real property in the state from
 the prior year to the current year, as determined by the department;

19 (1) (2) Community college taxes means property taxes levied on real 20 property in this state by a community college area, excluding the 21 following:

22 (a) Any property taxes levied for bonded indebtedness;

(b) Any property taxes levied as a result of an override of limits
on property tax levies approved by voters pursuant to section 77-3444;
and

26 (c) Any property taxes that, as of the time of payment, were27 delinquent for five years or more;

28 (2) (3) Department means the Department of Revenue;

(3) (4) Eligible taxpayer means any individual, corporation,
 partnership, limited liability company, trust, estate, or other entity
 that pays school district taxes or community college taxes during a

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1 taxable year; and

2 (4) (5) School district taxes means property taxes levied on real
3 property in this state by a school district or multiple-district school
4 system, excluding the following:

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(a) Any property taxes levied for bonded indebtedness;

6 (b) Any property taxes levied as a result of an override of limits 7 on property tax levies approved by voters pursuant to section 77-3444; 8 and

9 (c) Any property taxes that, as of the time of payment, were 10 delinquent for five years or more.

11 Sec. 74. Section 77-6703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 12 amended to read:

77-6703 (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or 13 14 after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2024, under the Internal 15 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be allowed to each eligible taxpayer a refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the 16 17 Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 or against the franchise tax imposed by sections 77-3801 to 77-3807. The credit shall be equal to the credit 18 percentage for the taxable year, as set by the department under 19 20 subsection (2) of this section, multiplied by the amount of school 21 district taxes paid by the eligible taxpayer during such taxable year.

22 (2)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during 23 calendar year 2020, the department shall set the credit percentage so 24 that the total amount of credits for such taxable years shall be one 25 hundred twenty-five million dollars;

(b) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during calendar year 2021, the department shall set the credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable years shall be one hundred twenty-five million dollars plus either (i) the amount calculated for such calendar year under subdivision (3)(b)(ii)(B) of section 77-4602 or (ii) the amount calculated for such calendar year under subdivision (3) 1

(c)(ii)(B) of section 77-4602, whichever is applicable;

2 (2)(a) (c) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during 3 calendar year 2022, the department shall set the credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable years shall be five 4 5 hundred forty-eight million dollars; and

6 (b) (d) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during 7 calendar year 2023, the department shall set the credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable years shall be five 8 9 hundred sixty million seven hundred thousand dollars. $\dot{\tau}$

10 (e) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during calendar 11 year 2024 through calendar year 2028, the department shall set the credit 12 percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable years 13 shall be the maximum amount of credits allowed in the prior year 14 increased by the allowable growth percentage;

15 (f) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during calendar 16 year 2029, the department shall set the credit percentage so that the 17 total amount of credits for such taxable years shall be the maximum amount of credits allowed in the prior year increased by the allowable 18 19 growth percentage plus an additional seventy-five million dollars; and

20 (g) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during calendar 21 year 2030 and each calendar year thereafter, the department shall set the 22 credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable 23 years shall be the maximum amount of credits allowed in the prior year 24 increased by the allowable growth percentage.

(3) If the school district taxes are paid by a corporation having an 25 26 election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code, a 27 partnership, a limited liability company, a trust, or an estate, the amount of school district taxes paid during the taxable year may be 28 29 allocated to the shareholders, partners, members, or beneficiaries in the 30 same proportion that income is distributed for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1, 2021, under the Internal Revenue Code 31

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of 1986, as amended. The department shall provide forms and schedules 1 2 necessary for verifying eligibility for the credit provided in this 3 section and for allocating the school district taxes paid. For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2021, and 4 5 before January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as 6 amended, the refundable credit shall be claimed by the corporation having 7 an election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code, the partnership, the limited liability company, the trust, or the estate 8 9 that paid the school district taxes.

10 (4) For any fiscal year or short year taxpayer, the credit may be 11 claimed in the first taxable year that begins following the calendar year 12 for which the credit percentage was determined. The credit shall be taken 13 for the school district taxes paid by the taxpayer during the immediately 14 preceding calendar year.

15 (5) For the first taxable year beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2022, under the Internal 16 17 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for a corporation having an election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code, a partnership, a 18 limited liability company, a trust, or an estate that paid school 19 district taxes in calendar year 2020 but did not claim the credit 20 21 directly or allocate such school district taxes to the shareholders, 22 partners, members, or beneficiaries as permitted under subsection (3) of 23 this section, there shall be allowed an additional refundable credit. 24 This credit shall be equal to six percent, multiplied by the amount of school district taxes paid during 2020 by the eligible taxpayer. 25

26 Sec. 75. Section 79-1001, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is 27 amended to read:

79-1001 Sections 79-1001 to 79-1033 <u>and section 76 of this act shall</u>
be known and may be cited as the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities
Support Act.

31 Sec. 76. <u>(1) For fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year</u>

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1 thereafter, prior to remitting any amounts from the Education Future Fund 2 to any school district with respect to equalization aid under the Tax 3 Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, the department shall first calculate the redevelopment project funding amount for such school 4 5 district as follows: (a) Subtract the lesser of (i) the maximum permitted 6 levy rate for the current fiscal year established pursuant to subdivision 7 (2)(a) of section 77-3442 or (ii) the actual levy rate established for 8 such district for the prior fiscal year, from the actual levy rate 9 established for such district for fiscal year 2024-25; (b) determine the 10 amount of such district's taxable valuation for the prior fiscal year 11 which is attributable to divided taxes under section 18-2147 of the 12 Community Development Law; and (c) multiply the difference determined in 13 subdivision (a) of this subsection by the valuation determined in 14 subdivision (b) of this subsection to produce the redevelopment project 15 funding amount for such district.

(2) The redevelopment project funding amount calculated in 16 17 subsection (1) of this section shall be paid from the Education Future Fund on or before January 1 of the applicable fiscal year and shall be 18 19 remitted by the department to the county where the authority is located 20 for which such divided taxes are payable pursuant to section 18-2147 of 21 the Community Development Law. Such county shall process the 22 redevelopment project funding amount in the same manner as other property 23 taxes collected by the county, and shall remit such redevelopment project 24 funding to the applicable authority, which shall use such funding in the 25 same manner as divided taxes received from the county for the applicable 26 redevelopment project and to pay the principal of, the interest on, and 27 any premiums due in connection with the bonds of, loans, notes, or advances of money to, or indebtedness incurred by the authority for the 28 29 applicable redevelopment projects. The redevelopment project funding amount paid from the Education Future Fund shall not reduce the amount of 30 31 equalization aid or other state aid calculated for and payable to any 1 <u>school district.</u>

2 (3) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the redevelopment 3 project funding provided by this section is necessary for the effective rehabilitation, acquisition, or redevelopment of substandard and blighted 4 5 property in redevelopment projects located in such school districts, and 6 acknowledges that without the redevelopment project funding provided by 7 this section, the reduction of property tax levy rates for fiscal year 8 <u>2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter as provided in subdivision (2)(a)</u> 9 of section 77-3442 would impair the ability of each such authority to adequately effect such rehabilitation, acquisition, or redevelopment of 10 11 the applicable substandard and blighted property and to meet such 12 authority's obligations with respect to the bonds of, loans, notes, or advances of money to, or indebtedness incurred by such authority for the 13 14 applicable redevelopment projects.

Sec. 77. Section 79-1015.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

17 79-1015.01 (1) Local system formula resources shall include local
18 effort rate yield which shall be computed as prescribed in this section.

19 (2) For school fiscal years prior to school fiscal year 2025-26 each 20 school fiscal year except school fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19: (a) 21 For state aid certified pursuant to section 79-1022, the local effort 22 rate shall be the maximum levy, for the school fiscal year for which aid 23 is being certified, authorized pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of section 24 77-3442 less five cents; (b) for the final calculation of state aid pursuant to section 79-1065, the local effort rate shall be the rate 25 26 which, when multiplied by the total adjusted valuation of all taxable 27 property in local systems receiving equalization aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, will produce the amount 28 29 needed to support the total formula need of such local systems when added 30 to state aid appropriated by the Legislature and other actual receipts of local systems described in section 79-1018.01; and (c) the local effort 31

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rate yield for such school fiscal years shall be determined by
 multiplying each local system's total adjusted valuation by the local
 effort rate.

(3) For school fiscal year 2025-26 and each school fiscal year 4 5 thereafter: (a) For state aid certified pursuant to section 79-1022, the 6 local effort rate shall be the maximum levy, for the school fiscal year 7 for which aid is being certified, authorized pursuant to subdivision (2) (a) of section 77-3442 less two and one-half cents; (b) for the final 8 9 calculation of state aid pursuant to section 79-1065, the local effort rate shall be the rate which, when multiplied by the total adjusted 10 11 valuation of all taxable property in local systems receiving equalization 12 aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, will produce the amount needed to support the total formula need of such 13 14 local systems when added to state aid appropriated by the Legislature and 15 other actual receipts of local systems described in section 79-1018.01; 16 and (c) the local effort rate yield for such school fiscal years shall be 17 determined by multiplying each local system's total adjusted valuation by the local effort rate. 18

19 (3) For school fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19: (a) For state aid 20 certified pursuant to section 79-1022, the local effort rate shall be the 21 maximum levy, for the school fiscal year for which aid is being 22 certified, authorized pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-3442 23 less two and ninety-seven hundredths cents; (b) for the final calculation 24 of state aid pursuant to section 79-1065, the local effort rate shall be 25 the rate which, when multiplied by the total adjusted valuation of all 26 taxable property in local systems receiving equalization aid pursuant to 27 the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, will produce 28 the amount needed to support the total formula need of such local systems 29 when added to state aid appropriated by the Legislature and other actual 30 receipts of local systems described in section 79-1018.01; and (c) the 31 local effort rate yield for such school fiscal years shall be determined by multiplying each local system's total adjusted valuation by the local
 effort rate.

3 Sec. 78. Section 79-1021, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 4 amended by Laws 2024, LB1284, section 12, is amended to read:

5 79-1021 (1) The Education Future Fund is created. The fund shall be 6 administered by the department and shall consist of money transferred to 7 the fund by the Legislature and any other money designated for credit to 8 the fund. Transfers may be made from the Education Future Fund to the 9 Computer Science and Technology Education Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Education Future Fund available for 10 11 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to 12 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 13

14 (2) The fund shall be used only for the following purposes, in order15 of priority:

16 (a) To fully fund equalization aid under the Tax Equity and
17 Educational Opportunities Support Act;

18 (b) To fund reimbursements related to special education under19 section 79-1142;

20 (c) To fund foundation aid under the Tax Equity and Educational
21 Opportunities Support Act;

(d) To provide property tax relief under the School District
Property Tax Relief Act increase funding for school districts in a way
that results in direct property tax relief, which means a dollar-fordollar replacement of property taxes by a state funding source;

(e) To provide funding for a grant program created by the
Legislature to address teacher turnover rates and keep existing teachers
in classrooms;

(f) To provide funding to increase career and technical educational
classroom opportunities for students, including, but not limited to,
computer science education. Such funding must provide students with the

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academic and technical skills, knowledge, and training necessary to
 succeed in future careers;

3 (g) To provide funding for a grant program created by the 4 Legislature to provide students the opportunity to have a mentor who will 5 continuously engage with the student directly to aid in the student's 6 professional growth and give ongoing support and encouragement to the 7 student;

8 (h) To provide funding for extraordinary increases in special 9 education expenditures to allow school districts with large, unexpected 10 special education expenditures to more easily meet the needs of all 11 students;

(i) To provide funding to help recruit teachers throughout the state
by utilizing apprenticeships through a teacher apprenticeship program and
an alternative certification process;

(j) To provide funding to develop and implement a professional learning system to help provide sustained professional learning and training regarding evidence-based reading instruction and for a grant program relating to dyslexia research; and

(k) To provide funding for a pilot project administered by the State
 Department of Education to provide menstrual products to school
 districts.

(3)(a) The State Treasurer shall transfer one billion dollars from
the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year 2023-24, on
such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(b) The State Treasurer shall transfer <u>one billion five hundred</u>
<u>eight million eight hundred two thousand nine hundred forty-four two</u>
<u>hundred fifty million</u> dollars from the General Fund to the Education
Future Fund in fiscal year 2024-25, on such dates and in such amounts as
directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
Department of Administrative Services.

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(c) The State Treasurer shall transfer one billion eight hundred
twenty-nine million two hundred seventy-three thousand six hundred eight
dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year
2025-26, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
Services.

7 <u>(d)</u> (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that <u>two billion one</u> 8 <u>hundred eleven million one hundred fifty thousand one hundred five</u> two 9 <u>hundred fifty million</u> dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the 10 Education Future Fund in fiscal year <u>2026-27</u> 2025-26 and each fiscal year 11 thereafter.

Sec. 79. Section 79-10,120, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

14 79-10,120 (1) The school board or board of education of any school 15 district may establish a special fund for purposes of acquiring sites for school buildings or teacherages, purchasing existing buildings for use as 16 17 school buildings or teacherages, including the sites upon which such 18 buildings are located, and the erection, alteration, equipping, and furnishing of school buildings or teacherages and additions to school 19 20 buildings for elementary and high school grades and for no other purpose. 21 The fund shall be established from the proceeds of an annual levy, to be 22 determined by the board, of not to exceed:

(a) For fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2025-26, fourteen cents on
 each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all taxable property
 in the district; and which

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(b) For fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter:

27 (i) Ten cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value of
 28 all taxable property in the district for any project commenced on or

29 after the operative date of this section; or

30 (ii) Fourteen cents on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable
 31 value of all taxable property in the district for any project commenced

1 prior to the operative date of this section.

(2) The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to any
other taxes authorized to be levied for school purposes. Such tax shall
be levied and collected as are other taxes for school purposes. For
<u>fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter, such tax shall not</u>
<u>be subject to the levy limitations provided in section 77-3442.</u>

Sec. 80. Section 81-12,193, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

9 81-12,193 (1) The Nebraska Transformational Project Fund is hereby created. The fund shall receive money from application fees paid under 10 11 the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act and from appropriations from the Legislature, grants, private contributions, repayments of matching 12 funds, and all other sources. Any money in the fund available for 13 14 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to 15 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. 16

17 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Treasurer shall transfer an amount not to exceed three hundred million dollars to 18 the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund. Such transfers shall only 19 20 occur after the applicant has been selected for participation in the 21 program described in Title VII, Subtitle C, section 740 of Public Law 22 116-92 and commitments totaling one billion three hundred million dollars 23 in total investment, including only federal dollars and private 24 donations, have been secured. In no case shall any transfer occur before fiscal year 2025-26 or before the total amount of refundable credits 25 26 granted annually under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act reaches 27 three hundred seventy-five million dollars. Distributions shall only be made from the fund in amounts equal to the amount of private dollars 28 29 received by the applicant for the project.

30 (3) Any money remaining in the fund after all obligations have been
 31 met shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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Sec. 81. Laws 2024, LB685, section 17, is amended to read: Sec. 17. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a tax is hereby imposed and levied, in the amount and in accordance with this section, upon the net operating revenue of all cash devices operating within the State of Nebraska for profit or gain either

5 devices operating within the State of Nebraska for profit or gain either 6 directly or indirectly received. The tax shall be paid in the amount and 7 manner specified in this section.

8 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, 9 beginning on and after July 1, 2025, any distributor of a cash device, and any operator of a cash device if the operator is not subject to a 10 11 revenue-sharing or other agreement with a distributor who is paying the 12 tax, shall pay a tax for each cash device in operation each calendar quarter during the taxable year. The tax shall be collected by the 13 14 department and due and payable on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 15 1 of each year on each cash device in operation during the preceding calendar quarter. For each cash device put into operation on a date 16 17 subsequent to a quarterly due date that has not been included in computing the tax imposed and levied by the Mechanical Amusement Device 18 Tax Act, the tax shall be due and payable on the immediately succeeding 19 20 quarterly due date.

(3) The amount of the tax imposed and levied under this section shall be <u>twenty</u> five percent of the net operating revenue for each cash device. The quarterly tax shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner documenting the total gross and net operating revenue for that quarter.

(4) The Tax Commissioner shall remit the taxes collected pursuant to
 this section to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit
 <u>seventy-five percent of such taxes to the Education Future Fund and shall</u>
 <u>credit the remaining twenty-five percent</u> for credit as follows:

30 (a) Twenty percent <u>of such remainder</u> to the Charitable Gaming
 31 Operations Fund for enforcement of the act and maintenance of the central

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2 (b) Two and one-half percent <u>of such remainder</u> to the Compulsive
3 Gamblers Assistance Fund;

4 (c) Two and one-half percent <u>of such remainder</u> to the General Fund;
5 (d) Ten percent <u>of such remainder</u> to the Nebraska Tourism Commission
6 Promotional Cash Fund;

7 (e) Forty percent <u>of such remainder</u> to the Property Tax Credit Cash
8 Fund; and

9 (f) <u>Twenty-five</u> The remaining twenty-five percent of such remainder to the county treasurer of the county in which the cash device is located 10 11 to be distributed as follows: (i) If the cash device is located completely within an unincorporated area of a county, the remaining 12 twenty-five percent shall be distributed to the county in which the cash 13 14 device is located, or (ii) if the cash device is located within the 15 limits of a city or village in such county, one-half of the remaining twenty-five percent shall be distributed to such county and one-half of 16 17 the remaining twenty-five percent shall be distributed to the city or village in which such cash device is located. 18

(5) This section does not apply to cash devices operated by a
fraternal benefit society organized and licensed under sections 44-1072
to 44-10,109 or a recognized veterans organization as defined in section
80-401.01.

23 Sec. 82. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 25 26 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 27 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 84, and 86 of this act become operative on October 1, 2024. Sections 44, 49, 50, 57, and 85 of this act become operative on 28 29 January 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their 30 effective date.

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Sec. 83. If any section in this act or any part of any section is

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declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

3 Sec. 84. Original sections 9-648, 13-324, 13-508, 13-518, 13-2817, 16-205, 17-525, 29-3933, 4 14-109, 15-202, 15-203, 53-160, 72-2305, 5 72-2306, 77-2704.24, 77-2704.27, 77-2704.50, 77-2704.67, 77-27,142, 6 77-27,235, and 77-4014, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; sections 7 77-382, 77-1776, 77-2602, 77-2701.16, 77-27,144, 77-4602, 77-6403, 8 79-1015.01, 79-10,120, and 81-12,193, Revised Statutes Cumulative 9 Supplement, 2022; sections 77-1632, 77-1633, 77-1701, 77-3442, 77-4002, 77-4003.02, 77-4007, 77-4008, 77-6702, 77-6703, and 79-1001, Revised 10 11 Statutes Supplement, 2023; section 77-3005, Reissue Revised Statutes of 12 Nebraska, as amended by Laws 2024, LB685, section 11; section 77-4017, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1204, 13 14 section 33; section 9-1,101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 15 amended by Laws 2024, LB685, section 1; section 77-2701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB937, section 67, Laws 2024, 16 LB1023, section 8, and Laws 2024, LB1317, section 80; section 77-2701.02, 17 18 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1317, section 81; section 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as 19 20 amended by Laws 2024, LB937, section 68, and Laws 2024, LB1317, section 21 82; section 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by 22 Laws 2024, LB1108, section 3; section 77-4001, Revised Statutes 23 Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1204, section 25; section 24 77-4025, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1204, section 36; section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, 25 26 as amended by Laws 2024, LB126, section 11; section 77-4405, Revised 27 Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1317, section 90, and Laws 2024, LB1344, section 14; section 79-1021, Revised Statutes 28 29 Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1284, section 12; and Laws 30 2024, LB685, section 17, are repealed.

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Sec. 85. Original section 77-2704.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of

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Nebraska; section 77-3506.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as
 amended by Laws 2024, LB126, section 4; and section 77-2715.07, Revised
 Statutes Supplement, 2023, as amended by Laws 2024, LB937, section 74,
 Laws 2024, LB1023, section 9, Laws 2024, LB1344, section 9, and Laws
 2024, LB1402, section 2, are repealed.

6 Sec. 86. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 7 77-2704.38, 77-2704.51, 77-2704.53, 77-2704.56, 77-2704.57, 77-2704.60, 8 77-2704.61, 77-2704.62, 77-2704.63, and 77-2704.65, Reissue Revised 9 Statutes of Nebraska; section 77-2704.20, Revised Statutes Cumulative 10 Supplement, 2022; and section 18-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of 11 Nebraska, as amended by Laws 2024, LB1317, section 55.

12 Sec. 87. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when 13 passed and approved according to law.