

AMENDMENTS TO LB596

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 **Section 1.** Section 23-346.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
4 is amended to read:

5 23-346.01 ~~In It shall be the duty of the county clerk, in all~~
6 counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more
7 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, ~~on~~
8 ~~or before December 1, annually, to prepare separate estimates of the~~
9 ~~supplies, materials, equipment and machinery required for the use of the~~
10 ~~county officers during the coming year, which by law are not required to~~
11 ~~be furnished by the state, and, in order to properly estimate the amounts~~
12 ~~of supplies, materials, equipment and machinery to be needed by the~~
13 ~~county government,~~ the county clerk or the county clerk's designee shall
14 keep a perpetual inventory of all personal property of the county.

15 **Sec. 2.** Section 23-1303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
16 amended to read:

17 23-1303 (1) The county clerk shall not issue any county warrants
18 except upon claims approved by the county board. Every warrant issued
19 shall be numbered consecutively as allowed from July 1 to June 30,
20 corresponding with the fiscal year of the county. The county clerk shall
21 maintain records including the date, amount, and number of each warrant,
22 the name of the person to whom a warrant is issued, and the date a
23 warrant is returned as canceled. The records shall be made accessible to
24 the public for viewing, in either an electronic or printed format.

25 (2)(a) The county clerk shall develop and implement a system of
26 warrant preparation and issuance by electronic or mechanical means which
27 is compatible with the funds transfer system established by the county

1 treasurer pursuant to subsection (6) of this section. The county clerk
2 may combine warrants for individual funds into a summary warrant that
3 lists each fund and the amount requested from such fund.

4 (b) Warrant includes an order issued by the chairperson of the
5 county board and countersigned by the county clerk directing that the
6 county treasurer make payment in a specified amount to a specified payee
7 by the use of a dual signature negotiable instrument as provided for in
8 subsections (3) and (4) of this section, an electronic funds transfer
9 system, a telephonic funds transfer system, funds transfers as provided
10 in article 4A, Uniform Commercial Code, a mechanical funds transfer
11 system, or any other funds transfer system established by the county
12 treasurer.

13 (3) The chairperson of the county board shall sign each warrant or
14 shall cause each warrant to be signed in his or her behalf either
15 personally, by delegation of authority, or by facsimile or electronic
16 signature. The signature of the chairperson of the county board shall
17 signify that the payment intended by a warrant bearing such signature is
18 proper under the appropriate laws of the state and resolutions of the
19 county.

20 (4) The county clerk shall countersign all warrants issued by the
21 chairperson of the county board either personally, by delegation of
22 authority, or by facsimile or electronic signature.

23 (5) The county treasurer shall, if requested by the county clerk or
24 the county board, establish procedures and processes for facsimile or
25 electronic signature of warrants.

26 (6) The county treasurer may establish and operate an electronic
27 funds transfer system, a telephonic funds transfer system, funds
28 transfers as provided for in article 4A, Uniform Commercial Code, a
29 mechanical funds transfer system, or any other funds transfer system for
30 the payment of funds from and the deposit of receipts into the county
31 treasury. Such system as established by the county treasurer shall employ

1 internal control safeguards and after meeting such safeguards shall be
2 deemed to satisfy any signature requirements. The use of an electronic
3 funds transfer system, a telephonic funds transfer system, funds
4 transfers as provided for in article 4A, Uniform Commercial Code, a
5 mechanical funds transfer system, or any other funds transfer system
6 established by the county treasurer shall not create any rights that
7 would not have been created had an order, drawn by the chairperson of the
8 county board upon the county treasurer directing the latter to pay a
9 specified amount to a specified payee by the use of a dual signature
10 negotiable instrument as provided for in subsections (3) and (4) of this
11 section, been used as the payment medium.

12 **Sec. 3.** Section 23-1309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 23-1309 (1) It shall be the duty of the county clerk in each county
15 to keep in a separate book or books, entitled Discharge Record, a copy of
16 all discharges or records of separation from active duty from the armed
17 forces of the United States. Information contained in the Discharge
18 Record shall be confidential and made available only to the veteran,
19 county veterans service officer, or post service officer of a recognized
20 veterans organization.

21 (2) The county clerk may transfer the Discharge Record to the State
22 Archives of the Nebraska State Historical Society for permanent
23 preservation after the veteran's federal Official Military Personnel File
24 becomes a public archival record or after sixty-two years, whichever is
25 later.

26 **Sec. 4.** Section 23-1517.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 23-1517.01 (1) The recording of all instruments by the roll form of
29 microfilm or other accessible durable medium may be substituted for the
30 method of recording instruments in books, and the filing of all documents
31 by the roll form of microfilm or other accessible durable medium may be

1 substituted for the method of filing original documents. If this method
2 of recording instruments ~~on microfilm~~ or filing documents ~~on microfilm~~ is
3 used, the original instruments so recorded and the original documents so
4 filed need not be retained after the microfilm or other accessible
5 durable medium has been verified for accuracy and quality, and a security
6 copy shall ~~on silver negative microfilm in roll form~~ must be maintained
7 and filed off premises under safe conditions to insure the protection of
8 the records and shall meet the microfilm standards as prescribed by the
9 State Records Administrator as provided in sections 84-1201 to 84-1220.
10 The fee books shall provide the proper index information as to the
11 microfilm roll and numerical sequence of all such recorded instruments
12 and of all such filed documents. The internal reference copies or work
13 copies of the instruments recorded on microfilm and of documents filed on
14 microfilm may be in any photographic form to provide the necessary
15 information as may be determined by the official in charge.

16 (2) For purposes of this section, a medium is accessible if it is
17 able to be retrieved through intellectual, digital, or physical means
18 within institutional or legal parameters.

19 **Sec. 5.** Section 23-1527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
20 amended to read:

21 23-1527 A certified copy of a petition, with schedules omitted,
22 commencing a proceeding under the laws of the United States relating to
23 bankruptcy or a certified copy of the decree of adjudication or a
24 certified copy of an order approving the bond of the trustee appointed in
25 such proceedings shall be filed, indexed, and recorded in the office of
26 the register of deeds of the county in which is located real property in
27 which the bankrupt has an interest in the same manner as federal liens
28 are filed, indexed, and recorded pursuant to the Uniform Federal Lien
29 Registration Act. The filing fee for such recording shall be the same as
30 the fee for filing and recording as set forth in section 9-525, Uniform
31 Commercial Code. The register of deeds shall file the notices in a file

1 kept for such purpose and designated Notice of Bankruptcy Proceedings,
2 except that in offices filing by the roll form of microfilm or other
3 accessible durable medium pursuant to section 23-1517.01, the original
4 notices need not be retained.

5 **Sec. 6.** Section 25-523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 25-523 (1) For purposes of this section:

8 (a) Digital newspaper means an Internet website that:

9 (i) Employs staff in the county from which the digital newspaper is
10 published online;

11 (ii) Has at least three hundred paid subscribers if located in a
12 city of the metropolitan class or city of the primary class;

13 (iii) Has at least two hundred paid subscribers if located in a city
14 of the first class, city of the second class, or village;

15 (iv) Publishes exclusively online;

16 (v) Has updated its news at least once each week for at least one
17 year prior to the publication of a notice; and

18 (vi) Reports on events and governmental activities of local
19 interest; and

20 (b) E-edition means a digital facsimile of a newspaper's print
21 edition that is accessible from such newspaper's website and is
22 substantially the same in both format and content as the print edition of
23 such newspaper.

24 (2)(a) No newspaper shall be considered a legal newspaper for the
25 publication of legal and other official notices unless the same shall
26 have a bona fide circulation of at least three hundred paid subscriptions
27 if located in a city of the metropolitan class or a city of the primary
28 class or at least two hundred paid subscriptions if located in a city of
29 the first class, city of the second class, or village weekly, and shall
30 have been published within the county or an adjacent county for fifty-two
31 successive weeks prior to the publication of such notice, and then

1 ~~subsequently at least fifty times per year, and be printed, either in~~
2 ~~whole or in part, in an office maintained at the place of publication;~~
3 ~~Provided, that~~

4 (b) The e-edition of a legal newspaper shall be considered a legal
5 newspaper for the publication of legal and other official notices only if
6 (i) such notices are contemporaneously published in the print edition of
7 such newspaper or (ii) the newspaper (A) has ceased publication of its
8 print edition and (B) was considered a legal newspaper when it ceased
9 publication.

10 (c) If no newspaper considered to be a legal newspaper publishes
11 either a print edition or an e-edition within a county, any legal and
12 other official notices directed to persons or entities in that county may
13 be published in a digital newspaper within the county if available at a
14 rate not to exceed legal notice rates pursuant to sections 33-141 to
15 33-143.

16 (3) Nothing ~~nothing~~ in this section shall invalidate the publication
17 in a newspaper which has suspended publication ~~or been printed outside of~~
18 ~~the county,~~ on account of fire, flood, or other unavoidable accident, for
19 not to exceed ten weeks, in the year last preceding the first publication
20 of a legal notice, advertising, or publication. All ~~;~~ ~~provided further,~~
21 ~~that all~~ publications made prior to May 22, 1941, in a newspaper which
22 has, on account of flood, fire, or other unavoidable accident, suspended
23 publication or been printed in an office outside of the county, are
24 hereby legalized ~~;~~ ~~provided further, that all newspapers, otherwise~~
25 ~~complying herewith, which have, on account of flood, fire or other~~
26 ~~unavoidable accident, suspended publication or been printed in an office~~
27 ~~outside of the county, for not to exceed ten weeks in any year, are~~
28 hereby legalized; ~~and provided further, that the publication of legal or~~
29 ~~other official notices in the English language in foreign language~~
30 ~~newspapers published within the county for fifty-two successive weeks~~
31 ~~prior to the publication of such a notice, and printed either in whole or~~

1 ~~in part in an office maintained at the place of publication, shall also~~
2 ~~be legal.~~

3 **Sec. 7.** Section 25-2228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 25-2228 (1) All legal publications and notices of whatever kind or
6 character that may by law be required to be published a certain number of
7 days or a certain number of weeks shall be legally published when they
8 have been published in a print edition of one issue in each week in a
9 daily, weekly, semiweekly, or triweekly newspaper, or in an e-edition or
10 digital newspaper as provided in section 25-523 ~~such publication in such~~
11 ~~daily, semiweekly, or triweekly paper or papers to be made upon any one~~
12 ~~day of the week upon which such paper is published. Nothing in this~~
13 ~~section shall be construed as preventing the publication of such legal~~
14 ~~notices and publications in weekly newspapers. Any newspaper publishing~~
15 ~~such legal notices or publications as provided in this section must shall~~
16 ~~be otherwise qualified under section 25-523 existing law to publish such~~
17 ~~notices or publications. All legal publications and all notices of~~
18 ~~whatever kind or character that may be required by law to be published a~~
19 ~~certain number of days or a certain number of weeks, shall be and hereby~~
20 ~~are declared to be legally published when they shall have been published~~
21 ~~once a week in a weekly, semiweekly, triweekly, or daily newspaper for~~
22 ~~the number of weeks, covering the period of publication. For the purpose~~
23 ~~of this section, when a newspaper is published regularly four or more~~
24 ~~times each week, it shall be deemed a daily newspaper.~~

25 (2) Beginning October 1, 2022, all legal publications and notices of
26 whatever kind or character that may by law be required to be published a
27 certain number of days or a certain number of weeks shall also be posted
28 by the newspaper or digital newspaper publishing such legal publications
29 or notices on a statewide website established and maintained as a
30 repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. A
31 website posting or a failure to make such website posting under this

1 subsection shall not affect the validity of the publication or notice
2 published under subsection (1) of this section.

3 **Sec. 8.** Section 33-110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 33-110 County clerks shall receive no fee for the performance of the
6 following services: For issuing certificates of election; for performing
7 the duties of clerk of the county board; for taking acknowledgments of
8 claims against the county; for attesting or certifying any document
9 authorized by the county board or required by the departments of the
10 state; or for recording Army or Navy discharges or furnishing certified
11 copies thereof to be used in connection with any claim for compensation
12 or disability. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for any other
13 certificate and seal unless otherwise provided. The fees collected shall
14 be credited to the county general fund.

15 County clerks shall receive a fee of fifty ~~twenty-five~~ dollars for
16 the entire proceedings of issuing a marriage license, administering the
17 related oaths or affirmations, and recording a marriage certificate. An
18 additional fee of sixteen ~~nine~~ dollars shall be made for each certified
19 copy of a marriage record on file in the office of the county clerk. Both
20 such fees shall be deposited in the county general fund.

21 **Sec. 9.** Section 33-141, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
22 2024, is amended to read:

23 33-141 (1) Until one year after September 9, 1995, the legal rate
24 for the publication of all legal notices other than those exceptional
25 legal notices described in section 33-142 shall be forty-one cents per
26 line, single column, standard newspaper measurements of eight-point type
27 and pica width of eleven for the first insertion and thirty-five and
28 nine-tenths cents per line, single column, standard newspaper
29 measurements of eight-point type and pica width of eleven for each
30 subsequent insertion. Publication of such notices may be in any type
31 selected by the publisher. For the purpose of uniformity, the calculation

1	16	53.015	46.422
2		Ten-Point Type	
3	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
4	9	26.836 ¢	23.496 ¢
5	9 1/2	28.327	24.802
6	10	29.818	26.108
7	10 1/2	31.309	27.414
8	11	32.800	28.720
9	11 1/2	34.291	30.026
10	12	35.782	31.332
11	12 1/2	37.273	32.638
12	13	38.764	33.944
13	13 1/2	40.255	35.250
14	14	41.746	36.556
15	14 1/2	43.237	37.862
16	15	44.728	39.168
17	15 1/2	46.219	40.474
18	16	47.710	41.780.

19 (2) Until October 1, 2022, the legal rate for the publication of all
20 legal notices other than those exceptional legal notices described in
21 section 33-142 shall be forty-five cents per line, single column,
22 standard newspaper measurements of eight-point type and pica width of
23 eleven for the first insertion and thirty-nine and four-tenths cents per
24 line, single column, standard newspaper measurements of eight-point type
25 and pica width of eleven for each subsequent insertion. Publication of
26 such notices may be in any type selected by the publisher. For the
27 purpose of uniformity, the calculation of fees for such publication shall
28 be based on the official conversion table that follows:

29 CONVERSION TABLE

Five-and-One-Half-Point Type			
	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
1			
2			
3	9	53.553 ¢	46.887 ¢
4	9 1/2	56.528	49.492
5	10	59.503	52.097
6	10 1/2	62.478	54.702
7	11	65.453	57.307
8	11 1/2	68.428	59.912
9	12	71.403	62.517
10	12 1/2	74.378	65.122
11	13	77.353	67.727
12	13 1/2	80.328	70.332
13	14	83.303	72.937
14	14 1/2	86.278	75.542
15	15	89.253	78.147
16	15 1/2	92.228	80.752
17	16	95.203	83.357
18			
Six-Point Type			
	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
19			
20	9	49.087 ¢	42.980 ¢
21	9 1/2	51.815	45.368
22	10	54.543	47.756
23	10 1/2	57.271	50.144
24	11	59.999	52.532
25	11 1/2	62.727	54.920
26	12	65.455	57.308
27	12 1/2	68.183	59.696
28	13	70.911	62.084
29	13 1/2	73.639	64.472

1	9	29.452 ¢	25.788 ¢
2	9 1/2	31.089	27.221
3	10	32.726	28.654
4	10 1/2	34.363	30.087
5	11	36.000	31.520
6	11 1/2	37.637	32.953
7	12	39.274	34.386
8	12 1/2	40.911	35.819
9	13	42.548	37.252
10	13 1/2	44.185	38.685
11	14	45.822	40.118
12	14 1/2	47.459	41.551
13	15	49.096	42.984
14	15 1/2	50.733	44.417
15	16	52.370	45.850.

16 (3) Beginning October 1, 2022, and until October 1, 2023, the legal
17 rate for the publication of all legal notices other than those
18 exceptional legal notices described in section 33-142 shall be forty-
19 eight cents per line, single column, standard newspaper measurements of
20 eight-point type and pica width of eleven for the first insertion and
21 thirty-nine and four-tenths cents per line, single column, standard
22 newspaper measurements of eight-point type and pica width of eleven for
23 each subsequent insertion. Publication of such notices may be in any type
24 selected by the publisher. For the purpose of uniformity, the calculation
25 of fees for such publication shall be based on the official conversion
26 table that follows:

27	CONVERSION TABLE		
28	Five-and-One-Half-Point Type		
29	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions

1	9	57.102 ¢	49.700 ¢
2	9 1/2	60.296	52.462
3	10	63.469	55.223
4	10 1/2	66.643	57.984
5	11	69.816	60.745
6	11 1/2	72.989	63.507
7	12	76.163	66.268
8	12 1/2	79.336	69.029
9	13	82.509	71.791
10	13 1/2	85.683	74.552
11	14	88.856	77.313
12	14 1/2	92.029	80.075
13	15	95.203	82.836
14	15 1/2	98.376	85.597
15	16	101.549	88.358
16		Six-Point Type	
17	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
18	9	52.359 ¢	45.559 ¢
19	9 1/2	55.269	48.090
20	10	58.179	50.621
21	10 1/2	61.089	53.153
22	11	63.999	55.684
23	11 1/2	66.908	58.215
24	12	69.818	60.746
25	12 1/2	72.728	63.278
26	13	75.638	65.809
27	13 1/2	78.548	68.340
28	14	81.458	94.192
29	14 1/2	84.367	73.403

1	15	87.277	75.934
2	15 1/2	90.187	78.465
3	16	93.097	80.997
4		Seven-Point Type	
5	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
6	9	44.884 ¢	39.053 ¢
7	9 1/2	47.378	41.222
8	10	49.872	43.392
9	10 1/2	52.366	45.562
10	11	54.859	47.732
11	11 1/2	57.353	49.902
12	12	59.847	52.071
13	12 1/2	62.341	54.241
14	13	64.835	56.411
15	13 1/2	67.329	58.581
16	14	69.819	60.751
17	14 1/2	72.316	62.921
18	15	74.810	65.090
19	15 1/2	77.304	67.260
20	16	79.798	69.430
21		Eight-Point Type	
22	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
23	9	39.270 ¢	34.170 ¢
24	9 1/2	41.453	36.069
25	10	43.635	37.967
26	10 1/2	45.817	39.866
27	11	48.000	41.764
28	11 1/2	50.182	43.662
29	12	52.364	45.561

1	12 1/2	54.547	47.459
2	13	56.729	49.358
3	13 1/2	58.912	51.256
4	14	61.094	53.155
5	14 1/2	63.276	55.053
6	15	65.459	56.952
7	15 1/2	67.641	58.850
8	16	69.824	60.749
9		Nine-Point Type	
10	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
11	9	34.905 ¢	30.374 ¢
12	9 1/2	36.846	32.062
13	10	38.786	33.749
14	10 1/2	40.726	35.437
15	11	42.666	37.124
16	11 1/2	44.607	38.812
17	12	46.547	40.499
18	12 1/2	48.487	42.187
19	13	50.427	43.874
20	13 1/2	52.368	45.562
21	14	54.308	47.250
22	14 1/2	56.248	48.937
23	15	58.188	50.625
24	15 1/2	60.129	52.312
25	16	62.069	54.000
26		Ten-Point Type	
27	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
28	9	31.415 ¢	27.335 ¢
29	9 1/2	33.161	28.854

1	10	34.908	30.373
2	10 1/2	36.654	31.892
3	11	38.400	33.411
4	11 1/2	40.146	34.930
5	12	41.892	36.449
6	12 1/2	43.638	37.968
7	13	45.384	39.487
8	13 1/2	47.130	41.006
9	14	48.876	42.525
10	14 1/2	50.623	44.044
11	15	52.369	45.563
12	15 1/2	54.115	47.082
13	16	55.861	48.601.

14 (4) Beginning October 1, 2023, the legal rate for the publication of
15 all legal notices other than those exceptional legal notices described in
16 section 33-142 shall be fifty cents per line, single column, standard
17 newspaper measurements of eight-point type and pica width of eleven for
18 the first insertion and forty-three and thirty-four hundredths ~~thirty-~~
19 ~~nine and four tenths~~ cents per line, single column, standard newspaper
20 measurements of eight-point type and pica width of eleven for each
21 subsequent insertion. Publication of such notices may be in any type
22 selected by the publisher. For the purpose of uniformity, the calculation
23 of fees for such publication shall be based on the official conversion
24 table that follows:

25	CONVERSION TABLE		
26	Five-and-One-Half-Point Type		
27	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
28	9	59.481 ¢	51.576 ¢
29	9 1/2	62.808	54.441

1	10	66.114	57.307
2	10 1/2	69.419	60.172
3	11	72.725	63.038
4	11 1/2	76.030	65.903
5	12	79.336	68.769
6	12 1/2	82.641	71.634
7	13	85.947	74.500
8	13 1/2	89.552	77.365
9	14	92.558	80.231
10	14 1/2	95.863	83.096
11	15	99.169	85.962
12	15 1/2	102.475	88.827
13	16	105.780	91.693
14		Six-Point Type	
15	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
16	9	54.541 ¢	47.278 ¢
17	9 1/2	57.572	49.905
18	10	60.603	52.532
19	10 1/2	63.634	55.158
20	11	66.665	57.785
21	11 1/2	69.696	60.412
22	12	72.727	63.039
23	12 1/2	75.758	65.666
24	13	78.789	68.292
25	13 1/2	81.820	70.919
26	14	84.851	73.546
27	14 1/2	87.882	76.173
28	15	90.914	78.800
29	15 1/2	93.945	81.426

1	16	96.976	84.053
2		Seven-Point Type	
3	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
4	9	46.754 ¢	40.526 ¢
5	9 1/2	49.352	42.778
6	10	51.949	45.030
7	10 1/2	54.547	47.281
8	11	57.145	49.533
9	11 1/2	59.743	51.785
10	12	62.340	54.036
11	12 1/2	64.938	56.288
12	13	67.536	58.540
13	13 1/2	70.134	60.792
14	14	72.728	63.043
15	14 1/2	75.329	65.295
16	15	77.927	67.547
17	15 1/2	80.525	69.798
18	16	83.123	72.050
19		Eight-Point Type	
20	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
21	9	40.906 ¢	35.460 ¢
22	9 1/2	43.180	37.430
23	10	45.453	39.400
24	10 1/2	47.726	41.370
25	11	50.000	43.340
26	11 1/2	52.273	45.310
27	12	54.546	47.280
28	12 1/2	56.819	49.250
29	13	59.093	51.220

1	13 1/2	61.366	53.191
2	14	63.639	55.161
3	14 1/2	65.913	57.131
4	15	68.186	59.101
5	15 1/2	70.459	61.071
6	16	72.733	63.041
7		Nine-Point Type	
8	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
9	9	36.360 ¢	31.521 ¢
10	9 1/2	38.381	33.272
11	10	40.402	35.023
12	10 1/2	42.423	36.774
13	11	44.444	38.525
14	11 1/2	46.465	40.277
15	12	48.486	42.028
16	12 1/2	50.507	43.779
17	13	52.528	45.530
18	13 1/2	54.549	47.281
19	14	56.571	49.033
20	14 1/2	58.592	50.784
21	15	60.613	52.535
22	15 1/2	62.634	54.286
23	16	64.655	56.037
24		Ten-Point Type	
25	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
26	9	32.721 ¢	28.367 ¢
27	9 1/2	34.540	29.943
28	10	36.359	31.519
29	10 1/2	38.177	33.096

1	11	39.996	34.672
2	11 1/2	41.815	36.248
3	12	43.633	37.825
4	12 1/2	45.452	39.401
5	13	47.271	40.977
6	13 1/2	49.090	42.554
7	14	50.908	44.130
8	14 1/2	52.727	45.706
9	15	54.546	47.282
10	15 1/2	56.364	48.859
11	16	58.183	50.453.

12 **Sec. 10.** Section 77-3903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
13 2024, is amended to read:

14 77-3903 (1)(a) A notice of lien provided for in the Uniform State
15 Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act upon real property shall be
16 presented in the office of the Secretary of State. Such notice of lien
17 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to and filed in the office
18 of the register of deeds by the register of deeds of the county or
19 counties in which the real property subject to the lien is situated as
20 designated in the notice of lien. The register of deeds shall enter the
21 notice in the alphabetical state tax lien index, showing on one line the
22 name and residence of the person liable named in such notice, the last
23 four digits of the social security number or the federal tax
24 identification number of such person, the Tax Commissioner's or
25 Commissioner of Labor's serial number of such notice, the date and hour
26 of filing, and the amount due. Such presentments to the Secretary of
27 State may be made by direct input to the Secretary of State's database or
28 by other electronic means. All such notices of lien shall be retained in
29 numerical order in a file designated state tax lien notices, except that
30 in offices filing by the roll form of microfilm or other accessible

1 durable medium pursuant to section 23-1517.01, the original notices need
2 not be retained. A lien subject to this subsection shall be effective
3 upon real property when filed by the register of deeds as provided in
4 this subsection.

5 (b) A notice of lien provided for in the Uniform State Tax Lien
6 Registration and Enforcement Act upon personal property shall be filed in
7 the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enter
8 the notice in the state's central tax lien index, showing on one line the
9 name and residence of the person liable named in such notice, the last
10 four digits of the social security number or the federal tax
11 identification number of such person, the Tax Commissioner's or
12 Commissioner of Labor's serial number of such notice, the date and hour
13 of filing, and the amount due. Such filings with the Secretary of State
14 may be filed by direct input to the Secretary of State's database or by
15 other electronic means. All such notices of lien shall be retained in
16 numerical order in a file designated state tax lien notices.

17 (2) The uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for
18 presenting for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating or for
19 filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating each tax lien pursuant to
20 the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act shall be two
21 times the fee required for recording instruments with the register of
22 deeds as provided in section 33-109. There shall be no fee for the filing
23 of a termination statement. The uniform fee for each county more than one
24 designated pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be the
25 fee required for recording instruments with the register of deeds as
26 provided in section 33-109. The Secretary of State shall remit each fee
27 received pursuant to this subsection to the State Treasurer for credit to
28 the Secretary of State Cash Fund, except that of the fees received
29 pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State shall remit the fee
30 required for recording instruments with the register of deeds as provided
31 in section 33-109 to the register of deeds of a county for each

1 designation of such county in a filing pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of
2 this section.

3 (3) The Secretary of State shall bill the Tax Commissioner or
4 Commissioner of Labor on a monthly basis for fees for documents presented
5 to or filed with the Secretary of State. No payment of any fee shall be
6 required at the time of presenting or filing any such lien document.

7 **Sec. 11.** Section 84-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

9 84-1208 (1) The administrator may make or cause to be made
10 preservation duplicates of essential records or may designate as
11 preservation duplicates existing copies thereof. A preservation duplicate
12 shall be durable, accurate, complete, and clear and, if made by means of
13 photography, microphotography, photocopying, film, microfilm, optical
14 imagery, or similar processes using an accessible durable medium, shall
15 be prepared in conformity to standards prescribed and approved by the
16 board.

17 (2) A preservation duplicate made by a photographic, photostatic,
18 microfilm, microcard, miniature photographic, optical imagery, or similar
19 process which accurately reproduces or forms an accessible a durable
20 medium for so reproducing the original shall have the same force and
21 effect for all purposes as the original record, whether the original is
22 in existence or not. A transcript, exemplification, or certified copy of
23 such preservation duplicate shall for all purposes be deemed a
24 transcript, exemplification, or certified copy of the original record.

25 (3) No copy of an essential record shall be used as a preservation
26 duplicate unless, under the general laws of the state, the copy has the
27 same force and effect for all purposes as the original record.

28 (4) A medium is accessible if it is able to be retrieved through
29 intellectual, digital, or physical means within institutional or legal
30 parameters.

31 **Sec. 12.** Section 84-1411, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

1 amended to read:

2 84-1411 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section,
3 each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the
4 time and place of each meeting by a method designated by each public body
5 and recorded in its minutes as provided in this subsection. Such notice
6 shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

7 (b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section,
8 in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of
9 section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committees, ~~such~~ notice shall be
10 given at least four times each year of the regular meeting schedule, the
11 location, and the method designated by the public body to provide
12 reasonable advance publicized notice. Such notice shall be given by
13 publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the public
14 body's jurisdiction. by:

15 (ii) Subdivision (1)(b)(i) of this section shall not apply in the
16 case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village, any
17 advisory committee of such governing body, the governing body of a rural
18 or suburban fire protection district, or any public body that only meets
19 intermittently and is not required to hold regular meetings.

20 (iii) Failure to comply with subdivision (1)(b)(i) of this section
21 shall not cause any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or
22 formal action of a public body made or taken at a meeting of the public
23 body to be void or voidable.

24 (A)(I) ~~Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the~~
25 ~~public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the~~
26 ~~time and date of the meeting, (II) posting on such newspaper's website,~~
27 ~~if available, and (III) posting on a statewide website, if available,~~
28 ~~established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority~~
29 ~~of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and~~
30 ~~on the websites by the newspaper; or~~

31 (B)(I) ~~Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II)~~

1 ~~posting to a statewide website, if available, established and maintained~~
2 ~~as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if~~
3 ~~no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's~~
4 ~~jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date~~
5 ~~of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the~~
6 ~~websites by the newspaper.~~

7 ~~(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class~~
8 ~~or village, any advisory committee of such governing body, or the~~
9 ~~governing body of a rural or suburban fire protection district, such~~
10 ~~notice shall be given by:~~

11 ~~(A)(I) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the~~
12 ~~public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the~~
13 ~~time and date of the meeting, (II) posting on such newspaper's website,~~
14 ~~if available, and (III) posting on a statewide website, if available,~~
15 ~~established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority~~
16 ~~of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and~~
17 ~~on the websites by the newspaper;~~

18 ~~(B)(I) Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II)~~
19 ~~posting on a statewide website, if available, established and maintained~~
20 ~~as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if~~
21 ~~no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's~~
22 ~~jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date~~
23 ~~of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the~~
24 ~~websites by the newspaper; or~~

25 ~~(C) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in~~
26 ~~such city, village, or district. Such notice shall be posted by the~~
27 ~~public body in the same three places for each meeting.~~

28 ~~(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)~~
29 ~~(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method~~
30 ~~designated by the public body.~~

31 (c) For a public body that decides to publish notice in a newspaper

1 of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction to meet the
2 notice requirement in subdivision (1)(a) of this section, in (iv) In case
3 of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish the notice,
4 the public body shall (i) (A) post such notice on its website, if
5 available, (ii) (B) request the newspaper submit a post on a statewide
6 website, if available, established and maintained as a repository for
7 such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers, and (iii) (C) post
8 such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's
9 jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting
10 pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(i) (1)(b)(iv)(A) and (iii) (C) of this
11 section and a written record of the request to the newspaper pursuant to
12 subdivision (1)(c)(ii) (1)(b)(iv)(B) of this section. The record of such
13 posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and
14 shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

15 ~~(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)~~
16 ~~(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any~~
17 ~~other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory~~
18 ~~committee.~~

19 (d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such
20 notice in its minutes.

21 (e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the
22 time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall
23 be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public
24 inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal
25 business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give
26 the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the
27 meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be
28 altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled
29 commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the
30 scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board
31 scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public

1 body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an
2 emergency nature only at such public meeting.

3 (2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual
4 conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section
5 are met:

6 (i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or
7 state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity;

8 (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under
9 the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the
10 Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

11 (iii) The governing body of a public power district having a
12 chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

13 (iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district
14 having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

15 (v) An educational service unit;

16 (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

17 (vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk
18 management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with
19 the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act;

20 (viii) A community college board of governors;

21 (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

22 (x) A local public health department;

23 (xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

24 (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and

25 (xiii) A natural resources district.

26 (b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual
27 conferencing are as follows:

28 (i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in
29 subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in
30 number or link to the virtual conference;

31 (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual

1 conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the
2 public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided
3 in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one
4 designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the
5 notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or
6 his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by
7 audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for
8 input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the
9 same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

10 (iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the
11 meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where
12 individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also
13 provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being
14 considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings
15 Act; and

16 (iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, subsection
17 (1) of section 70-1014, subsection (2) of section 70-1014.02, or
18 subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings
19 of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils,
20 organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a
21 calendar year. In the case of (A) an organization created under the
22 Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas, (B) an
23 organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, (C) a
24 governing body of a risk management pool and any advisory committee of
25 such governing body, ~~or~~ (D) any advisory committee of any state entity
26 created in response to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, (E) the
27 Semiquincentennial Commission, (F) the board of trustees of the Nebraska
28 State Historical Society, or (G) any local foster care review board, such
29 organization, governing body, or committee may hold more than one-half of
30 its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least
31 one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing.

1 (3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic
2 communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public
3 government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

4 (4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall
5 maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and
6 shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of
7 the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at
8 that meeting.

9 (5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without
10 reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be
11 stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall
12 pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by
13 virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section
14 shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes
15 of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any
16 formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public
17 by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

18 (6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other
19 witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual
20 conferencing.

21 (7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if
22 an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency
23 Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the
24 territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency
25 declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual
26 conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable
27 advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section.
28 The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and
29 news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the
30 emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of
31 briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy,

1 or the taking of any action by the public body.

2 (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in
3 number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also
4 provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being
5 considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings
6 Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's
7 right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection
8 (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

9 (c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes.
10 Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency
11 and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for
12 inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413.

13 (8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual
14 conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this
15 section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if:

16 (a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are
17 scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open
18 meeting of the public body;

19 (b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting;
20 and

21 (c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (ii) of
22 this section.

23 (9) This section does not apply to a meeting of the Nebraska Power
24 Review Board or a public power district, a public power and irrigation
25 district, an electric membership association, an electric cooperative
26 company, a municipality having a generation and distribution system, or a
27 registered group of municipalities if such meeting is subject to section
28 70-1034.

29 **Sec. 13.** Section 84-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
30 amended to read:

31 84-1412 (1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the

1 right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and
2 all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions
3 called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised,
4 photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means
5 of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of
6 pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing. Except for closed sessions
7 called pursuant to section 84-1410, a public body shall allow members of
8 the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.

9 (2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section
10 for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations
11 regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping,
12 televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings,
13 including meetings held by virtual conferencing.

14 (3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify
15 themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such
16 body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the
17 agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda.
18 The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the
19 body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of
20 any organization represented by such person unless the address
21 requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

22 (4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open
23 Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small
24 to accommodate the anticipated audience.

25 (5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if
26 it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in
27 this state.

28 (6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if
29 it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

30 (a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this
31 state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

1 (b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located
2 within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which
3 will accommodate the anticipated audience;

4 (c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's
5 right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual
6 conferencing available at an instate location to members, the public, or
7 the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

8 (d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings
9 in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

10 (e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the
11 public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and

12 (f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at
13 least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper
14 of statewide circulation.

15 (7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort
16 to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony
17 presented at a meeting.

18 (8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the instate
19 location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of
20 this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at
21 least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an
22 open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall
23 make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act ~~posted~~
24 in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At
25 the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the
26 location of the ~~posted~~ information.

27 **Sec. 14.** Original sections 23-346.01, 23-1303, 23-1309, 23-1517.01,
28 23-1527, 25-523, 33-110, 84-1208, and 84-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes
29 of Nebraska, sections 25-2228, 33-141, and 77-3903, Revised Statutes
30 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 84-1411, Revised Statutes
31 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

1 **Sec. 15.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
2 19-1104 and 23-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.