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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 23-346.01,
2 23-1303, 23-1309, 23-1517.01, 23-1527, 25-523, 33-110, 72-728,
3 84-1208, and 84-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections
4 25-21,271, 25-2228, 33-141, and 77-3903, Revised Statutes Cumulative
5 Supplement, 2024, and sections 69-1311 and 84-1411, Revised Statutes
6 Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to county
7 inventories, warrants, and discharge records; to provide for storing
8 records on an accessible durable medium; to define terms; to change
9 provisions relating to the publication of legal newspapers, legal
10 notices, petitions to change names, marriage license and record
11 fees, reports of abandoned property, and virtual conferencing and
12 notice requirements for meetings of public bodies under the Open
13 Meetings Act; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Hall of
14 Fame; to eliminate a penalty for certain public officials; to
15 eliminate provisions relating to the registration of farm, ranch, or
16 home names; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to
17 repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections
18 19-1104 and 23-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
19 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

3 23-346.01 ~~In It shall be the duty of the county clerk, in all~~
4 counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more
5 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, on
6 ~~or before December 1, annually, to prepare separate estimates of the~~
7 ~~supplies, materials, equipment and machinery required for the use of the~~
8 ~~county officers during the coming year, which by law are not required to~~
9 ~~be furnished by the state, and, in order to properly estimate the amounts~~
10 ~~of supplies, materials, equipment and machinery to be needed by the~~
11 ~~county government, the county clerk or the county clerk's designee shall~~
12 keep a perpetual inventory of all personal property of the county.

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

15 23-1303 (1) The county clerk shall not issue any county warrants
16 except upon claims approved by the county board. Every warrant issued
17 shall be numbered consecutively as allowed from July 1 to June 30,
18 corresponding with the fiscal year of the county. The county clerk shall
19 maintain records including the date, amount, and number of each warrant,
20 the name of the person to whom a warrant is issued, and the date a
21 warrant is returned as canceled. The records shall be made accessible to
22 the public for viewing, in either an electronic or printed format.

23 (2)(a) The county clerk shall develop and implement a system of
24 warrant preparation and issuance by electronic or mechanical means which
25 is compatible with the funds transfer system established by the county
26 treasurer pursuant to subsection (6) of this section. The county clerk
27 may combine warrants for individual funds into a summary warrant that
28 lists each fund and the amount requested from such fund.

29 (b) Warrant includes an order issued by the chairperson of the
30 county board and countersigned by the county clerk directing that the
31 county treasurer make payment in a specified amount to a specified payee

1 by the use of a dual signature negotiable instrument as provided for in
2 subsections (3) and (4) of this section, an electronic funds transfer
3 system, a telephonic funds transfer system, funds transfers as provided
4 in article 4A, Uniform Commercial Code, a mechanical funds transfer
5 system, or any other funds transfer system established by the county
6 treasurer.

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

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

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

20 (6) The county treasurer may establish and operate an electronic
21 funds transfer system, a telephonic funds transfer system, funds
22 transfers as provided for in article 4A, Uniform Commercial Code, a
23 mechanical funds transfer system, or any other funds transfer system for
24 the payment of funds from and the deposit of receipts into the county
25 treasury. Such system as established by the county treasurer shall employ
26 internal control safeguards and after meeting such safeguards shall be
27 deemed to satisfy any signature requirements. The use of an electronic
28 funds transfer system, a telephonic funds transfer system, funds
29 transfers as provided for in article 4A, Uniform Commercial Code, a
30 mechanical funds transfer system, or any other funds transfer system
31 established by the county treasurer shall not create any rights that

1 would not have been created had an order, drawn by the chairperson of the
2 county board upon the county treasurer directing the latter to pay a
3 specified amount to a specified payee by the use of a dual signature
4 negotiable instrument as provided for in subsections (3) and (4) of this
5 section, been used as the payment medium.

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

8 23-1309 (1) It shall be the duty of the county clerk in each county
9 to keep in a separate book or books, entitled Discharge Record, a copy of
10 all discharges or records of separation from active duty from the armed
11 forces of the United States. Information contained in the Discharge
12 Record shall be confidential and made available only to the veteran,
13 county veterans service officer, or post service officer of a recognized
14 veterans organization.

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

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

22 23-1517.01 (1) The recording of all instruments by the roll form of
23 microfilm or other accessible durable medium may be substituted for the
24 method of recording instruments in books, and the filing of all documents
25 by the roll form of microfilm or other accessible durable medium may be
26 substituted for the method of filing original documents. If this method
27 of recording instruments ~~on microfilm~~ or filing documents ~~on microfilm~~ is
28 used, the original instruments so recorded and the original documents so
29 filed need not be retained after the microfilm or other accessible
30 durable medium has been verified for accuracy and quality, and a security
31 copy shall ~~on silver negative microfilm in roll form~~ must be maintained

1 and filed off premises under safe conditions to insure the protection of
2 the records and shall meet the microfilm standards as prescribed by the
3 State Records Administrator as provided in sections 84-1201 to 84-1220.
4 The fee books shall provide the proper index information as to the
5 microfilm roll and numerical sequence of all such recorded instruments
6 and of all such filed documents. The internal reference copies or work
7 copies of the instruments recorded on microfilm and of documents filed on
8 microfilm may be in any photographic form to provide the necessary
9 information as may be determined by the official in charge.

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

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

15 23-1527 A certified copy of a petition, with schedules omitted,
16 commencing a proceeding under the laws of the United States relating to
17 bankruptcy or a certified copy of the decree of adjudication or a
18 certified copy of an order approving the bond of the trustee appointed in
19 such proceedings shall be filed, indexed, and recorded in the office of
20 the register of deeds of the county in which is located real property in
21 which the bankrupt has an interest in the same manner as federal liens
22 are filed, indexed, and recorded pursuant to the Uniform Federal Lien
23 Registration Act. The filing fee for such recording shall be the same as
24 the fee for filing and recording as set forth in section 9-525, Uniform
25 Commercial Code. The register of deeds shall file the notices in a file
26 kept for such purpose and designated Notice of Bankruptcy Proceedings,
27 except that in offices filing by the roll form of microfilm or other
28 accessible durable medium pursuant to section 23-1517.01, the original
29 notices need not be retained.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (iv) Publishes exclusively online;

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

12 (vi) Reports on events and governmental activities of local
13 interest; and

14 (b) E-edition means a digital facsimile of a newspaper's print
15 edition that is accessible from such newspaper's website and is
16 substantially the same in both format and content as the print edition of
17 such newspaper.

18 (2)(a) No newspaper shall be considered a legal newspaper for the
19 publication of legal and other official notices unless the same shall
20 have a bona fide circulation of at least three hundred paid subscriptions
21 if located in a city of the metropolitan class or a city of the primary
22 class or at least two hundred paid subscriptions if located in a city of
23 the first class, city of the second class, or village weekly, and shall
24 have been published within the county or an adjacent county for fifty-two
25 successive weeks prior to the publication of such notice, and then
26 subsequently at least fifty times per year. and be printed, either in
27 whole or in part, in an office maintained at the place of publication;
28 Provided, that

29 (b) The e-edition of a legal newspaper shall be considered a legal
30 newspaper for the publication of legal and other official notices only if

31 (i) such notices are contemporaneously published in the print edition of

1 such newspaper or (ii) the newspaper (A) has ceased publication of its
2 print edition and (B) was considered a legal newspaper when it ceased
3 publication.

4 (c) If no newspaper considered to be a legal newspaper publishes
5 either a print edition or an e-edition within a county, any legal and
6 other official notices directed to persons or entities in that county may
7 be published in a digital newspaper within the county if available at a
8 rate not to exceed legal notice rates pursuant to sections 33-141 to
9 33-143.

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

28 **Sec. 7.** Section 25-21,271, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2024, is amended to read:

30 25-21,271 (1) Any person desiring to change his or her name shall
31 file a petition in the district court of the county in which such person

1 may be a resident, setting forth (a) that the petitioner has been a bona
2 fide citizen of such county for at least one year prior to the filing of
3 the petition, (b) the address of the petitioner, (c) the date of birth of
4 the petitioner, (d) the cause for which the change of petitioner's name
5 is sought, and (e) the name asked for.

6 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(b) of this section,
7 notice of the filing of the petition shall be published in a newspaper in
8 the county, and if no newspaper is printed in the county, then in a
9 newspaper of general circulation therein. The notice shall be published
10 ~~(i) once a week for four consecutive weeks if the petitioner is nineteen~~
11 ~~years of age or older at the time the action is filed and (ii) once a~~
12 ~~week for two consecutive weeks if the petitioner is under nineteen years~~
13 ~~of age at the time the action is filed.~~

14 (b) The court may waive the notice requirement of subdivision (2)(a)
15 of this section upon a showing by the petitioner that such notice would
16 endanger the petitioner.

17 (3) In an action involving a petitioner under nineteen years of age
18 who has a noncustodial parent, notice of the filing of the petition shall
19 be sent by certified mail within five days after publication to the
20 noncustodial parent at the address provided to the clerk of the district
21 court pursuant to subsection (1) of section 42-364.13 for the
22 noncustodial parent if he or she has provided an address. The clerk of
23 the district court shall provide the petitioner with the address upon
24 request.

25 (4) It shall be the duty of the district court, upon being duly
26 satisfied by proof in open court of the truth of the allegations set
27 forth in the petition, that there exists proper and reasonable cause for
28 changing the name of the petitioner, and that notice of the filing of the
29 petition has been given as required by this section, to order and direct
30 a change of name of such petitioner and that an order for the purpose be
31 entered by the court.

1 (5) The clerk of the district court shall deliver a copy of any
2 name-change order issued by the court pursuant to this section to the
3 Department of Health and Human Services for use pursuant to sections
4 28-376 and 28-718 and to the sex offender registration and community
5 notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol for use pursuant to
6 section 29-4004.

7 **Sec. 8.** Section 25-2228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2024, is amended to read:

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

29 (2) Beginning October 1, 2022, all legal publications and notices of
30 whatever kind or character that may by law be required to be published a
31 certain number of days or a certain number of weeks shall also be posted

1 by the newspaper or digital newspaper publishing such legal publications
2 or notices on a statewide website established and maintained as a
3 repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. A
4 website posting or a failure to make such website posting under this
5 subsection shall not affect the validity of the publication or notice
6 published under subsection (1) of this section.

7 **Sec. 9.** Section 33-110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

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

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

25 **Sec. 10.** Section 33-141, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
26 2024, is amended to read:

27 33-141 (1) Until one year after September 9, 1995, the legal rate
28 for the publication of all legal notices other than those exceptional
29 legal notices described in section 33-142 shall be forty-one cents per
30 line, single column, standard newspaper measurements of eight-point type
31 and pica width of eleven for the first insertion and thirty-five and

1	9	33.544 ¢	29.372 ¢
2	9 1/2	35.408	31.004
3	10	37.272	32.636
4	10 1/2	39.136	34.268
5	11	41.000	35.900
6	11 1/2	42.864	37.532
7	12	44.728	39.164
8	12 1/2	46.592	40.796
9	13	48.456	42.428
10	13 1/2	50.320	44.060
11	14	52.184	45.692
12	14 1/2	54.048	47.324
13	15	55.912	48.956
14	15 1/2	57.776	50.588
15	16	59.640	52.220

Nine-Point Type			
16	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
17	9	29.817 ¢	26.108 ¢
18	9 1/2	31.474	27.559
19	10	33.131	29.010
20	10 1/2	34.788	30.461
21	11	36.445	31.912
22	11 1/2	38.102	33.363
23	12	39.759	34.814
24	12 1/2	41.416	36.265
25	13	43.073	37.716
26	13 1/2	44.730	39.167
27	14	46.387	40.618
28	14 1/2	48.044	42.069
29	15	49.701	43.520

1	15 1/2	51.358	44.971
2	16	53.015	46.422
3	Ten-Point Type		
4	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
5	9	26.836 ¢	23.496 ¢
6	9 1/2	28.327	24.802
7	10	29.818	26.108
8	10 1/2	31.309	27.414
9	11	32.800	28.720
10	11 1/2	34.291	30.026
11	12	35.782	31.332
12	12 1/2	37.273	32.638
13	13	38.764	33.944
14	13 1/2	40.255	35.250
15	14	41.746	36.556
16	14 1/2	43.237	37.862
17	15	44.728	39.168
18	15 1/2	46.219	40.474
19	16	47.710	41.780.

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

30 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
30	14	76.367	66.860

1	12 1/2	51.138	44.773
2	13	53.184	46.564
3	13 1/2	55.230	48.355
4	14	57.276	50.146
5	14 1/2	59.322	51.937
6	15	61.368	53.728
7	15 1/2	63.414	55.519
8	16	65.460	57.310
9	Nine-Point Type		
10	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
11	9	32.724 ¢	28.655 ¢
12	9 1/2	34.543	30.247
13	10	36.362	31.839
14	10 1/2	38.181	33.431
15	11	40.000	35.023
16	11 1/2	41.819	36.615
17	12	43.638	38.207
18	12 1/2	45.457	39.799
19	13	47.276	41.391
20	13 1/2	49.095	42.983
21	14	50.914	44.575
22	14 1/2	52.733	46.167
23	15	54.552	47.759
24	15 1/2	56.371	49.351
25	16	58.190	50.943
26	Ten-Point Type		
27	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
28	9	29.452 ¢	25.788 ¢
29	9 1/2	31.089	27.221
30	10	32.726	28.654

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

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

24 CONVERSION TABLE

25 Five-and-One-Half-Point Type

26 Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
27 9	57.102 ¢	49.700 ¢
28 9 1/2	60.296	52.462
29 10	63.469	55.223
30 10 1/2	66.643	57.984

1	11	69.816	60.745
2	11 1/2	72.989	63.507
3	12	76.163	66.268
4	12 1/2	79.336	69.029
5	13	82.509	71.791
6	13 1/2	85.683	74.552
7	14	88.856	77.313
8	14 1/2	92.029	80.075
9	15	95.203	82.836
10	15 1/2	98.376	85.597
11	16	101.549	88.358
12		Six-Point Type	
13	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
14	9	52.359 ¢	45.559 ¢
15	9 1/2	55.269	48.090
16	10	58.179	50.621
17	10 1/2	61.089	53.153
18	11	63.999	55.684
19	11 1/2	66.908	58.215
20	12	69.818	60.746
21	12 1/2	72.728	63.278
22	13	75.638	65.809
23	13 1/2	78.548	68.340
24	14	81.458	94.192
25	14 1/2	84.367	73.403
26	15	87.277	75.934
27	15 1/2	90.187	78.465
28	16	93.097	80.997
29		Seven-Point Type	
30	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions

1	9	44.884 ¢	39.053 ¢
2	9 1/2	47.378	41.222
3	10	49.872	43.392
4	10 1/2	52.366	45.562
5	11	54.859	47.732
6	11 1/2	57.353	49.902
7	12	59.847	52.071
8	12 1/2	62.341	54.241
9	13	64.835	56.411
10	13 1/2	67.329	58.581
11	14	69.819	60.751
12	14 1/2	72.316	62.921
13	15	74.810	65.090
14	15 1/2	77.304	67.260
15	16	79.798	69.430
16		Eight-Point Type	
17	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
18	9	39.270 ¢	34.170 ¢
19	9 1/2	41.453	36.069
20	10	43.635	37.967
21	10 1/2	45.817	39.866
22	11	48.000	41.764
23	11 1/2	50.182	43.662
24	12	52.364	45.561
25	12 1/2	54.547	47.459
26	13	56.729	49.358
27	13 1/2	58.912	51.256
28	14	61.094	53.155
29	14 1/2	63.276	55.053
30	15	65.459	56.952

1	15 1/2	67.641	58.850
2	16	69.824	60.749
3		Nine-Point Type	
4	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
5	9	34.905 ¢	30.374 ¢
6	9 1/2	36.846	32.062
7	10	38.786	33.749
8	10 1/2	40.726	35.437
9	11	42.666	37.124
10	11 1/2	44.607	38.812
11	12	46.547	40.499
12	12 1/2	48.487	42.187
13	13	50.427	43.874
14	13 1/2	52.368	45.562
15	14	54.308	47.250
16	14 1/2	56.248	48.937
17	15	58.188	50.625
18	15 1/2	60.129	52.312
19	16	62.069	54.000
20		Ten-Point Type	
21	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
22	9	31.415 ¢	27.335 ¢
23	9 1/2	33.161	28.854
24	10	34.908	30.373
25	10 1/2	36.654	31.892
26	11	38.400	33.411
27	11 1/2	40.146	34.930
28	12	41.892	36.449
29	12 1/2	43.638	37.968
30	13	45.384	39.487

1	13 1/2	47.130	41.006
2	14	48.876	42.525
3	14 1/2	50.623	44.044
4	15	52.369	45.563
5	15 1/2	54.115	47.082
6	16	55.861	48.601.

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

18 CONVERSION TABLE

19 Five-and-One-Half-Point Type

20 Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
21 9	59.481 ¢	51.576 ¢
22 9 1/2	62.808	54.441
23 10	66.114	57.307
24 10 1/2	69.419	60.172
25 11	72.725	63.038
26 11 1/2	76.030	65.903
27 12	79.336	68.769
28 12 1/2	82.641	71.634
29 13	85.947	74.500
30 13 1/2	89.552	77.365

1	14	92.558	80.231
2	14 1/2	95.863	83.096
3	15	99.169	85.962
4	15 1/2	102.475	88.827
5	16	105.780	91.693
6		Six-Point Type	
7	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
8	9	54.541 ¢	47.278 ¢
9	9 1/2	57.572	49.905
10	10	60.603	52.532
11	10 1/2	63.634	55.158
12	11	66.665	57.785
13	11 1/2	69.696	60.412
14	12	72.727	63.039
15	12 1/2	75.758	65.666
16	13	78.789	68.292
17	13 1/2	81.820	70.919
18	14	84.851	73.546
19	14 1/2	87.882	76.173
20	15	90.914	78.800
21	15 1/2	93.945	81.426
22	16	96.976	84.053
23		Seven-Point Type	
24	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
25	9	46.754 ¢	40.526 ¢
26	9 1/2	49.352	42.778
27	10	51.949	45.030
28	10 1/2	54.547	47.281
29	11	57.145	49.533
30	11 1/2	59.743	51.785

1	12	62.340	54.036
2	12 1/2	64.938	56.288
3	13	67.536	58.540
4	13 1/2	70.134	60.792
5	14	72.728	63.043
6	14 1/2	75.329	65.295
7	15	77.927	67.547
8	15 1/2	80.525	69.798
9	16	83.123	72.050
10		Eight-Point Type	
11	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
12	9	40.906 ¢	35.460 ¢
13	9 1/2	43.180	37.430
14	10	45.453	39.400
15	10 1/2	47.726	41.370
16	11	50.000	43.340
17	11 1/2	52.273	45.310
18	12	54.546	47.280
19	12 1/2	56.819	49.250
20	13	59.093	51.220
21	13 1/2	61.366	53.191
22	14	63.639	55.161
23	14 1/2	65.913	57.131
24	15	68.186	59.101
25	15 1/2	70.459	61.071
26	16	72.733	63.041
27		Nine-Point Type	
28	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
29	9	36.360 ¢	31.521 ¢
30	9 1/2	38.381	33.272

1	10	40.402	35.023
2	10 1/2	42.423	36.774
3	11	44.444	38.525
4	11 1/2	46.465	40.277
5	12	48.486	42.028
6	12 1/2	50.507	43.779
7	13	52.528	45.530
8	13 1/2	54.549	47.281
9	14	56.571	49.033
10	14 1/2	58.592	50.784
11	15	60.613	52.535
12	15 1/2	62.634	54.286
13	16	64.655	56.037
14		Ten-Point Type	
15	Pica Width	First Insertion	Subsequent Insertions
16	9	32.721 ¢	28.367 ¢
17	9 1/2	34.540	29.943
18	10	36.359	31.519
19	10 1/2	38.177	33.096
20	11	39.996	34.672
21	11 1/2	41.815	36.248
22	12	43.633	37.825
23	12 1/2	45.452	39.401
24	13	47.271	40.977
25	13 1/2	49.090	42.554
26	14	50.908	44.130
27	14 1/2	52.727	45.706
28	15	54.546	47.282
29	15 1/2	56.364	48.859
30	16	58.183	50.453.

1 **Sec. 11.** Section 69-1311, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
2 amended to read:

3 69-1311 (a) The State Treasurer shall annually cause notice to be
4 published once in each ~~an English language~~ legal newspaper of general
5 circulation in each county in this state ~~in which is located the last-~~
6 ~~known address of any person to be named in the notice. If no address is~~
7 ~~known, then the notice shall be published in a legal newspaper having~~
8 ~~statewide circulation.~~

9 (b) The published notice shall be entitled Notice to Owners of
10 Abandoned Property and shall contain:

11 (1)(i) ~~(1)~~ The names in alphabetical order and counties of last-
12 known addresses, if any, of persons listed in the report and entitled to
13 notice or (ii) a display ad that covers at least twenty-five percent of a
14 standard broadsheet and includes a description of how to search for
15 unclaimed property as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

16 (2) A statement that information concerning the amount or
17 description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be
18 obtained by any person possessing an interest in the property by
19 addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer.

20 (c) The State Treasurer is not required to publish in such notice
21 any item of less than fifty dollars unless the State Treasurer ~~he or she~~
22 deems such publication to be in the public interest.

23 (d) Within one hundred twenty days from the receipt of the report
24 required by section 69-1310, the State Treasurer shall mail a notice to
25 each person having an address listed therein who appears to be entitled
26 to property of the value of fifty dollars or more presumed abandoned
27 under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.

28 (e) The mailed notice shall contain:

29 (1) A statement that, according to a report filed with the State
30 Treasurer, property is being held to which the addressee appears
31 entitled.

1 (2) The name and address of the person holding the property and any
2 necessary information regarding changes of name and address of the
3 holder.

4 (3) A statement that, if satisfactory proof of claim is presented by
5 the owner to the State Treasurer, arrangements will be made to transfer
6 the property to the owner as provided by law.

7 (f) This section is not applicable to sums payable on traveler's
8 checks or money orders presumed abandoned under section 69-1302.

9 **Sec. 12.** Section 72-728, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 72-728 (1) This subsection shall not apply to subsections (2) and
12 (3) of this section. The Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
13 section, the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission shall not name more than
14 one person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during each five-year period
15 beginning on and after January 1, 2005. During the first two years of
16 each five-year period, the commission shall receive nominations of
17 candidates to be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. The commission shall
18 review the nominations and may select the finalists for induction. During
19 the subsequent two years of each five-year period, the commission shall
20 review the finalists, if any, and shall hold public hearings regarding
21 the finalists in each of the congressional districts. After the hearings,
22 the commission may select one finalist for induction. If a finalist is
23 selected for induction, the commission shall name him or her to the
24 Nebraska Hall of Fame during the final year of each five-year period. No
25 individual shall be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame until at least
26 thirty-five years after such person's demise.

27 (2) The Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by subsection (1) of
28 this section, the commission shall procure an appropriate plaque upon
29 which shall be placed the names of each Nebraskan awarded the Medal of
30 Honor as a result of such person's services in the armed forces of the
31 United States. Such plaque shall have sufficient space for listing the

1 names of persons who shall be awarded the Medal of Honor in the future.
2 The plaque shall have a suitable place in the State Capitol.

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

7 (a) Public service;

8 (b) Leadership in collegiate athletics; and

9 (c) Volunteer youth mentorship activities.

10 **Sec. 13.** Section 77-3903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
11 2024, is amended to read:

12 77-3903 (1)(a) A notice of lien provided for in the Uniform State
13 Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act upon real property shall be
14 presented in the office of the Secretary of State. Such notice of lien
15 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to and filed in the office
16 of the register of deeds by the register of deeds of the county or
17 counties in which the real property subject to the lien is situated as
18 designated in the notice of lien. The register of deeds shall enter the
19 notice in the alphabetical state tax lien index, showing on one line the
20 name and residence of the person liable named in such notice, the last
21 four digits of the social security number or the federal tax
22 identification number of such person, the Tax Commissioner's or
23 Commissioner of Labor's serial number of such notice, the date and hour
24 of filing, and the amount due. Such presentments to the Secretary of
25 State may be made by direct input to the Secretary of State's database or
26 by other electronic means. All such notices of lien shall be retained in
27 numerical order in a file designated state tax lien notices, except that
28 in offices filing by the roll form of microfilm or other accessible
29 durable medium pursuant to section 23-1517.01, the original notices need
30 not be retained. A lien subject to this subsection shall be effective
31 upon real property when filed by the register of deeds as provided in

1 this subsection.

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

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

31 (3) The Secretary of State shall bill the Tax Commissioner or

1 Commissioner of Labor on a monthly basis for fees for documents presented
2 to or filed with the Secretary of State. No payment of any fee shall be
3 required at the time of presenting or filing any such lien document.

4 **Sec. 14.** Section 84-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 84-1208 (1) The administrator may make or cause to be made
7 preservation duplicates of essential records or may designate as
8 preservation duplicates existing copies thereof. A preservation duplicate
9 shall be durable, accurate, complete, and clear and, if made by means of
10 photography, microphotography, photocopying, film, microfilm, optical
11 imagery, or similar processes using an accessible durable medium, shall
12 be prepared in conformity to standards prescribed and approved by the
13 board.

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

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

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

28 **Sec. 15.** Section 84-1411, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
29 amended to read:

30 84-1411 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section,
31 each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the

1 time and place of each meeting by a method designated by each public body
2 and recorded in its minutes as provided in this subsection. Such notice
3 shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

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

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

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

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

28 (B)(I) ~~Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II)~~
29 ~~posting to a statewide website, if available, established and maintained~~
30 ~~as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if~~
31 ~~no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's~~

1 ~~jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date~~
2 ~~of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the~~
3 ~~websites by the newspaper.~~

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

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

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

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

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

28 (c) For a public body that decides to publish notice in a newspaper
29 of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction to meet the
30 notice requirement in subdivision (1)(a) of this section, in (iv) In case
31 of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish the notice,

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

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

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

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

31 (2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual

1 conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section
2 are met:

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

5 (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under
6 the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the
7 Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

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

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

12 (v) An educational service unit;

13 (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

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

17 (viii) A community college board of governors;

18 (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

19 (x) A local public health department;

20 (xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

21 (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and

22 (xiii) A natural resources district.

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

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

28 (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual
29 conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the
30 public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided
31 in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one

1 designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the
2 notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or
3 his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by
4 audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for
5 input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the
6 same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in
31 number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also

1 provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being
2 considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings
3 Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's
4 right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection
5 (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **Sec. 16.** Section 84-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 84-1412 (1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the
29 right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and
30 all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions
31 called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised,

1 photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means
2 of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of
3 pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing. Except for closed sessions
4 called pursuant to section 84-1410, a public body shall allow members of
5 the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **Sec. 17.** If any section in this act or any part of any section is
25 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
26 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

27 **Sec. 18.** Original sections 23-346.01, 23-1303, 23-1309, 23-1517.01,
28 23-1527, 25-523, 33-110, 72-728, 72-728, 84-1208, and 84-1412, Reissue
29 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 25-21,271, 25-2228, 33-141, and
30 77-3903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections
31 69-1311 and 84-1411, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

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