

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 173

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Introduced by Revenue Committee: Wickersham, 49, Chairperson; Coordsen, 32; Dierks, 40; Janssen, 15; Landis, 46; Raikes, 25; Redfield, 12

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 2-4243, 3-147, 3-206, 3-227, 3-511, 3-613, 3-621, 3-707, 3-714, 13-824, 14-1721, 15-844, 18-2480, 51-218, 58-268, 58-324, and 58-430, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 3-504, 13-2546, and 51-809, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000; to change and eliminate provisions relating to tax exemptions for public property; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 3-606, 18-1506, and 46-267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Section 1. Section 2-4243, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

2-4243. All property acquired or held by the corporation under ~~sections 2-4201 to 2-4246~~ the Conservation Corporation Act is declared to be public property. The property to the extent used for a public purpose, all the used for public and governmental purposes, and all the property, income therefrom, ~~and bonds issued under sections 2-4201 to 2-4246~~ the act, interest payable thereon, and income derived therefrom, shall at all times be exempt from all taxes imposed by this state, ~~or any county, any city, or any other political subdivision of this state.~~ The corporation may, in the resolution authorizing the issuance of any series of bonds, elect to have the income on such bonds be subject to personal income taxation imposed by this state. If the corporation is dissolved after all indebtedness and other obligations of the corporation are discharged, its remaining assets shall inure to the benefit of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 2. Section 3-147, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-147. The acquisition of any lands for the purpose of establishing airports or other air navigation facilities; the acquisition of any airport protection privileges; the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, and operation of airports and other air navigation facilities, whether by the state separately or jointly with any municipality, municipalities, or any person owning a privately owned public use airport; the assistance of this state in any such acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, and operation; and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to the department are hereby declared to be public and governmental functions, ~~exercised for a public purpose,~~ and matters of public necessity. Such lands and other property and privileges acquired ~~and used by the state in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in the State Aeronautics Department Act shall be and are hereby declared to be acquired and used for public and governmental purposes and as a matter of public necessity~~ are declared to be public property.

Sec. 3. Section 3-206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-206. (1) The acquisition of any lands for the purpose of establishing airports or other air navigation facilities, (2) the acquisition of airport protection privileges, (3) the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, and operation of airports and other air navigation facilities, and (4) the exercise of any other powers herein granted to municipalities are hereby declared to be public, governmental, and municipal functions, ~~exercised for a public purpose,~~ and matters of public necessity. Such lands and other property, easements, and privileges acquired and used by such municipalities in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in ~~sections 3-201 to 3-238 and 18-1502~~ the Revised Airports Act shall and are hereby declared to be ~~acquired and used for public, governmental and municipal purposes and as a matter of public necessity~~ public property.

Sec. 4. Section 3-227, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-227. Such board may exercise, on behalf of the municipalities acting jointly by which it is appointed, all the powers of each of such municipalities granted by ~~sections 3-201 to 3-238 and 18-1502~~ the Revised

Airports Act, except as herein provided. Real property, airports, restricted landing areas, air protection privileges, or personal property costing in excess of a sum to be fixed by the joint agreement, may be acquired, and condemnation proceedings may be instituted, only by authority of the governing bodies of each of the municipalities involved. The total amount of expenditures to be made by the board for any purpose in any calendar year shall be determined by the municipalities involved by the approval by each on or before the preceding May first, of a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Rules and regulations provided for by subdivision (2) of section 3-215 shall become effective only upon approval of each of the appointing governing bodies and the Department of Aeronautics. No real property and no airport, other air navigation facility, or air protection privilege, owned jointly, shall be disposed of by the board, by sale, lease, or otherwise, except by authority of all the appointing governing bodies, but the board may lease space, area, or improvements and grant concessions on airports for aeronautical purposes or purposes incidental thereto, subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of section 3-215. This section shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12.

Sec. 5. Section 3-504, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is amended to read:

3-504. Any authority established under the Cities Airport Authorities Act shall have power:

(1) To sue and be sued;  
 (2) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;  
 (3) To acquire, hold, and dispose of personal property for its corporate purposes;

(4) To acquire in the name of the city, by purchase or condemnation, real property or rights or easements therein necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes and, except (a) as may otherwise be provided in the act and (b) that if property is to be acquired outside the zoning jurisdiction of the city when such city is a city of the metropolitan class, approval must be obtained from the county board of the county where the property is located before the right of eminent domain may be exercised, to use the same so long as its corporate existence continues. Such power shall not be exercised by authorities of cities of the primary, first, and second classes and of villages created after September 2, 1973, without further approval until such time as at least three members of the authority have been elected. If the exercise of such power is necessary while three or more appointed members remain on the authority of cities of the primary, first, and second classes and of villages, the appointing body shall approve all proceedings under this subdivision;

(5) To make bylaws for the management and regulation of its affairs and, subject to agreements with bondholders, to make rules and regulations for the use of projects and the establishment and collection of rentals, fees, and all other charges for services or commodities sold, furnished, or supplied by such authority. Any person violating such rules shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor;

(6) With the consent of the city, to use the services of agents, employees, and facilities of the city, for which the authority may reimburse the city a proper proportion of the compensation or cost thereof, and also to use the services of the city attorney as legal advisor to the authority;

(7) To appoint officers, agents, and employees and fix their compensation;

(8) To make contracts, leases, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to the corporate purposes of the authority;

(9) To design, construct, maintain, operate, improve, and reconstruct, so long as its corporate existence continues, such projects as are necessary and convenient to the maintenance and development of aviation services to and for the city in which such authority is established, including landing fields, heliports, hangars, shops, passenger and freight terminals, control towers, and all facilities necessary or convenient in connection with any such project, to contract for the construction, operation, or maintenance of any parts thereof or for services to be performed thereon, and to rent parts thereof and grant concessions thereon, all on such terms and conditions as the authority may determine. This subdivision shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12;

(10) To include in such project, subject to zoning restrictions, space and facilities for any or all of the following: Public recreation; business, trade, or other exhibitions; sporting or athletic events; public meetings; conventions; and all other kinds of assemblages and, in order to

obtain additional revenue, space and facilities for business and commercial purposes. Whenever the authority deems it to be in the public interest, the authority may lease any such project or any part or parts thereof or contract for the management and operation thereof or any part or parts thereof. Any such lease or contract may be for such period of years as the authority shall determine. This subdivision shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12;

(11) To charge fees, rentals, and other charges for the use of projects under the jurisdiction of such authority subject to and in accordance with such agreement with bondholders as may be made as hereinafter provided. Subject to contracts with bondholders, all fees, rentals, charges, and other revenue derived from any project shall be applied to the payment of operating, administration, and other necessary expenses of the authority properly chargeable to such project and to the payment of the interest on and principal of bonds or for making sinking-fund payments therefor. Subject to contracts with bondholders, the authority may treat one or more projects as a single enterprise with respect to revenue, expenses, the issuance of bonds, maintenance, operation, or other purposes;

(12) To certify annually to the governing body of the city the amount of tax to be levied for airport purposes which the authority requires under its adopted budget statement to be received from taxation, not to exceed three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of all the taxable property in such city subject to section 77-3443. The governing body may levy and collect the taxes so certified at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds of such taxes when due and as collected shall be set aside and deposited in the special account or accounts in which other revenue of the authority is deposited. An authority in a city of the first or second class or a village shall have power to certify annually to the governing body of such a city or village an additional amount of tax to be levied for airport purposes, not to exceed three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable value, to be levied, collected, set aside, and deposited as specified in this subdivision, and if negotiable bonds of the authority are thereafter issued, this power shall continue until such bonds are paid in full. When such additional amount of tax is first certified, the governing body may then require, but not thereafter, approval of the same by a majority vote of the governing body or by a majority vote of the electors voting on the same at a general or special election. The additional levy shall be subject to section 77-3443. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to cities of the metropolitan class;

(13) To construct and maintain under, along, over, or across a project, telephone, telegraph, or electric wires and cables, fuel lines, gas mains, water mains, and other mechanical equipment not inconsistent with the appropriate use of such project, to contract for such construction and to lease the right to construct and use the same, or to use the same on such terms for such periods of time and for such consideration as the authority shall determine;

(14) To accept grants, loans, or contributions from the United States, the State of Nebraska, any agency or instrumentality of either of them, or the city in which such authority is established and to expend the proceeds thereof for any corporate purposes;

(15) To incur debt and issue negotiable bonds and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof;

(16) To enter on any lands, waters, and premises for the purposes of making surveys, soundings, and examinations; and

(17) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly conferred on such authorities by the act.

Sec. 6. Section 3-511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-511. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the creation of an authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes is ~~in all respects~~ for the benefit of the people of the State of Nebraska, for the improvement of their welfare and prosperity, and for the promotion of their transportation, and is a public purpose and a matter of statewide concern, and that aviation projects operated by authorities are essential parts of the public transportation system. ~~and that such authorities will be performing essential governmental functions in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 3-201, 3-239, and 3-501 to 3-514.~~ The State of Nebraska covenants with the holders of such bonds that authorities shall be required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by them or under their respective jurisdictions, control, possession, or supervision, or upon

the activities of authorities in the operation and maintenance of projects, or upon any charges, fees, revenue, or other income received by authorities except motor vehicle fuel and aviation fuel taxes, and that the bonds and notes of authorities and the income therefrom shall at all times be exempt from taxation, except for transfer and estate taxes. This section shall constitute a covenant and agreement with the holders of all bonds and notes issued by authorities. This section shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12.

Sec. 7. Section 3-613, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-613. Any authority established under sections 3-601 to 3-622 shall have power:

(1) To sue and be sued;  
 (2) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;  
 (3) To acquire, hold, and dispose of personal property for its corporate purposes;

(4) To acquire in the name of the county, by purchase or condemnation, real property or rights or easements therein necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes and, except as may otherwise be provided in such sections, to use the same so long as its corporate existence continues. Such power shall not be exercised by authorities created after September 2, 1973, without further approval until such time as three or more members of the authority have been elected. If the exercise of such power is necessary while three or more appointed members remain on the authority, the appointing body shall approve all proceedings under this subdivision;

(5) To make bylaws for the management and regulation of its affairs and, subject to agreements with bondholders, to make rules and regulations for the use of projects and the establishment and collection of rentals, fees, and all other charges for services or commodities sold, furnished, or supplied by such authority. Any person violating such rules shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor;

(6) With the consent of the county, to use the services of agents, employees, and facilities of the county, for which the authority may reimburse the county a proper proportion of the compensation or cost thereof, and also to use the services of the county attorney as legal advisor to the authority;

(7) To appoint officers, agents, and employees and fix their compensation;

(8) To make contracts, leases, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to the corporate purposes of the authority;

(9) To design, construct, maintain, operate, improve, and reconstruct, so long as its corporate existence continues, such projects as are necessary and convenient to the maintenance and development of aviation services to and for the county in which such authority is established, including landing fields, heliports, hangars, shops, passenger and freight terminals, control towers, and all facilities necessary or convenient in connection with any such project, to contract for the construction, operation, or maintenance of any parts thereof or for services to be performed thereon, and to rent parts thereof and grant concessions thereon, all on such terms and conditions as the authority may determine. This subdivision shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12;

(10) To include in such project, subject to zoning restrictions, space and facilities for any or all of the following: Public recreation; business, trade, or other exhibitions; sporting or athletic events; public meetings; conventions; and all other kinds of assemblages and, in order to obtain additional revenue, space and facilities for business and commercial purposes. Whenever the authority deems it to be in the public interest, the authority may lease any such project or any part or parts thereof or contract for the management and operation thereof or any part or parts thereof. Any such lease or contract may be for such period of years as the authority shall determine. This subdivision shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12;

(11) To charge fees, rentals, and other charges for the use of projects under the jurisdiction of such authority subject to and in accordance with such agreement with bondholders as may be made as hereinafter provided. Subject to contracts with bondholders, all fees, rentals, charges, and other revenue derived from any project shall be applied to the payment of operating, administration, and other necessary expenses of the authority properly chargeable to such project and to the payment of the interest on and principal of bonds or for making sinking-fund payments therefor. Subject to contracts

with bondholders, the authority may treat one or more projects as a single enterprise with respect to revenue, expenses, the issuance of bonds, maintenance, operation, or other purposes;

(12) To annually request of the county board the amount of tax to be levied for airport purposes subject to section 77-3443, not to exceed three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of all the taxable property in such county. The governing body shall levy and collect the taxes so requested at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds of such taxes when due and as collected shall be set aside and deposited in the special account or accounts in which other revenue of the authority is deposited;

(13) To construct and maintain under, along, over, or across a project, telephone, telegraph, or electric wires and cables, fuel lines, gas mains, water mains, and other mechanical equipment not inconsistent with the appropriate use of such project, to contract for such construction and to lease the right to construct and use the same, or to use the same on such terms for such period of time and for such consideration as the authority shall determine;

(14) To accept grants, loans, or contributions from the United States, the State of Nebraska, any agency or instrumentality of either of them, or the county in which such authority is established and to expend the proceeds thereof for any corporate purposes;

(15) To incur debt and issue negotiable bonds and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof;

(16) To enter on any lands, waters, and premises for the purposes of making surveys, soundings, and examinations; and

(17) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly conferred on such authorities by sections 3-601 to 3-622.

Sec. 8. Section 3-621, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-621. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the creation of an authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes is ~~in all respects~~ for the benefit of the people of the State of Nebraska, for the improvement of their welfare and prosperity, and for the promotion of their transportation, and is a public purpose and a matter of statewide concern, and that projects operated by authorities are essential parts of the public transportation system. ~~and that such authorities will be performing essential governmental functions in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 3-601 to 3-622.~~ The State of Nebraska covenants with the holders of bonds, issued under the provisions of sections 3-610 to 3-621, that authorities shall be required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by them or under their respective jurisdictions, control, possession, or supervision, or upon the activities of authorities in the operation and maintenance of projects, or upon any charges, fees, revenue, or other income received by authorities except motor vehicle fuel and aviation fuel taxes, and that the bonds and notes of authorities and the income therefrom shall at all times be exempt from taxation, except for transfer and estate taxes. This section shall constitute a covenant and agreement with the holders of all bonds and notes issued by authorities. This section shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12.

Sec. 9. Section 3-707, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-707. Any joint authority established under the Joint Airport Authorities Act shall have power:

(1) To sue and be sued;

(2) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(3) To acquire, hold, and dispose of personal property for its corporate purposes;

(4) To acquire, by purchase or condemnation, real property or rights or easements therein necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes and, except as may otherwise be provided in the act, to use the same so long as its corporate existence continues. Such power shall not be exercised by authorities created after September 2, 1973, without further approval until such time as three or more members of the authority have been elected. If the exercise of such power is necessary while three or more appointed members remain on the authority, the appointing body shall approve all proceedings under this subdivision;

(5) To make bylaws for the management and regulation of its affairs and, subject to agreements with bondholders, to make rules and regulations for the use of projects and the establishment and collection of rentals, fees, and all other charges for services or commodities sold, furnished, or supplied by

such joint authority;

(6) To appoint officers, agents, and employees and fix their compensation;

(7) To make contracts, leases, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to the corporate purposes of the joint authority;

(8) To design, construct, maintain, operate, improve, and reconstruct, so long as its corporate existence continues, such projects as are necessary and convenient to the maintenance and development of aviation services to and for the political subdivisions by which such joint authority was established, including landing fields, heliports, hangars, shops, passenger and freight terminals, control towers, and all facilities necessary or convenient in connection with any such project, to contract for the construction, operation, or maintenance of any parts thereof or for services to be performed thereon, and to rent parts thereof and grant concessions thereon, all on such terms and conditions as the joint authority may determine. This subdivision shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12;

(9) To include in such project, subject to zoning restrictions, space and facilities for any or all of the following: Public recreation; business, trade, or other exhibitions; sporting or athletic events; public meetings; conventions; and all other kinds of assemblages and, in order to obtain additional revenue, space and facilities for business and commercial purposes. Whenever the joint authority deems it to be in the public interest, it may lease any such project or any part or parts thereof or contract for the management and operation thereof or any part or parts thereof. Any such lease or contract may be for such period of years as the joint authority shall determine. This subdivision shall not be construed to affect the obligation of a lessee to pay taxes if taxes are due under sections 77-202, 77-202.11, and 77-202.12;

(10) To charge fees, rentals, and other charges for the use of projects under its jurisdiction subject to and in accordance with such agreements with bondholders as may be made as provided in the act. Subject to contracts with bondholders, all fees, rentals, charges, and other revenue derived from any project shall be applied to the payment of operating, administration, and other necessary expenses of the joint authority properly chargeable to such project and to the payment of the interest on and principal of bonds or for making sinking-fund payments therefor. Subject to contracts with bondholders, the joint authority may treat one or more projects as a single enterprise with respect to revenue, expenses, the issuance of bonds, maintenance, operation, or other purposes;

(11) To certify annually to each tax-levying body the amount of tax to be levied for airport purposes subject to section 77-3443, not to exceed three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of all of the taxable property therein, to insure that all of the taxable property within each county, city, and village which has become interested in a joint airport authority, directly or indirectly, as set forth in section 3-702, whether at the time of the authority's initial organization or thereafter, becomes subject to taxation for the purposes of such authority. Whenever a city or village so interested in a joint authority is situated within a county which is likewise interested in the same joint authority, the joint authority shall, in order to avoid the possibility of double taxation, certify the tax only to the tax-levying body of the county and shall not certify any tax to the tax-levying body of such city or village. Such tax-levying bodies shall request the county board to levy and collect the taxes so certified at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes of such county, city, or village, as the case may be, are levied and collected, and the proceeds of such taxes as collected shall be set aside and deposited in the special account or accounts in which other revenue of the joint authority is deposited;

(12) To covenant in any resolution or other instrument pursuant to which it issues any of its bonds or other obligations that the joint authority will, for so long as any such bonds or obligations and the interest thereon remain outstanding and unpaid, annually certify to each tax-levying body referred to in subdivision (11) of this section the maximum tax which the joint authority is, at the time of issuing such bonds or other obligations, authorized to so certify and that it will, in the event of any change in the method of assessment, so certify such tax as will raise the same amount in dollars as such maximum tax would have raised at the time such bonds or other obligations were issued;

(13) To pledge for the security of the principal of any bonds or other obligations issued by the joint authority and the interest thereon any

revenue derived by the joint authority from taxation;

(14) To construct and maintain under, along, over, or across a project, telephone, telegraph, or electric wires and cables, fuel lines, gas mains, water mains, and other mechanical equipment not inconsistent with the appropriate use of such project, to contract for such construction and to lease the right to construct and use the same, or to use the same on such terms, for such periods of time, and for such consideration as the joint authority shall determine;

(15) To accept grants, loans, or contributions from the United States, the State of Nebraska, or any agency or instrumentality of either of them and to expend the proceeds thereof for any corporate purposes;

(16) To incur debt and issue negotiable bonds and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof;

(17) To enter on any lands, waters, and premises for the purposes of making surveys, soundings, and examinations; and

(18) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly conferred by the act.

Sec. 10. Section 3-714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3-714. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the creation of a joint authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes is ~~in all respects~~ for the benefit of the people of the State of Nebraska, for the improvement of their welfare and prosperity, and for the promotion of their transportation, and is a public purpose and a matter of statewide concern, that aviation projects operated by joint authorities are essential parts of the public transportation system. ~~and that such joint authorities will be performing essential governmental functions in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 3-701 to 3-716.~~ The State of Nebraska covenants with the holders of such bonds that joint authorities shall be required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by them or under their respective jurisdictions, control, possession, or supervision to the extent such property is used for a public purpose, or upon the activities of joint authorities in the operation and maintenance of projects, or upon any charges, fees, revenue, or other income received by authorities except motor vehicle fuel and aviation fuel taxes, and that the bonds and notes of joint authorities and the income therefrom shall at all times be exempt from taxation, except for transfer and estate taxes. This section shall constitute a covenant and agreement with the holders of all bonds and notes issued by authorities.

Sec. 11. Section 13-824, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

13-824. (1) All bonds of a joint entity are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and, together with interest thereon and income therefrom, shall be exempt from all taxes.

(2) The property of a joint entity to the extent it is used for a public purpose, including any pro rata share of any property owned by a joint entity in conjunction with any other person, is declared to be public property of a governmental subdivision of the state. ~~Such used for essential public and governmental purposes, and such~~ property and the income of a joint entity shall be exempt from all taxes of the state or any political subdivision of the state and shall be exempt from all special assessments of any participating municipality if used for a public purpose.

Sec. 12. Section 13-2546, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is amended to read:

13-2546. (1) All bonds of a joint public agency are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and, together with interest thereon and income therefrom, shall be exempt from all taxes.

(2) The property of a joint public agency, including any pro rata share of any property owned by a joint public agency in conjunction with any other person, is declared to be public property of a governmental subdivision of the state. ~~Such used for essential public and governmental purposes, and such~~ property and the income of a joint public agency shall be exempt from all taxes and assessments of the state or any political subdivision of the state if used for a public purpose.

Sec. 13. Section 14-1721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

14-1721. The authority shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon its facilities or properties acquired by it and used for a public purpose. ~~Bonds and the bonds~~ issued under the ~~provisions of sections 14-1701 to 14-1725~~ Parking Authority Law, their transfer and income therefrom, including any profits made from the sale thereof, shall be exempt from taxation.

Sec. 14. Section 15-844, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

15-844. Land, buildings, money, debts due the city, real and personal property, and assets of every kind and description belonging to any city of the primary class shall be exempt from execution liens and sales and shall be exempt from taxation to the extent used for a public purpose. ~~and shall also be exempt from execution, liens, and sale.~~ Judgments against a city of the primary class shall be paid out of the judgment fund or out of a special fund created for that purpose.

Sec. 15. Section 18-2480, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2480. (1) All bonds of an agency are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and, together with interest thereon and income therefrom, shall be exempt from all taxes.

(2) The property of an agency, including any pro rata share of any property owned by an agency in conjunction with any other person, is declared to be public property of a governmental subdivision of the state. Such used for essential public and governmental purposes and such property and the income of an agency shall be exempt from all taxes of the state or any municipality or other political subdivision of the state, and shall be exempt from all special assessments of any participating municipality if used for a public purpose.

Sec. 16. Section 51-218, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

51-218. The property of any public library shall be exempt from execution and shall be exempt from taxation, as is other public property, to the extent it is used for a public purpose.

Sec. 17. Section 51-809, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is amended to read:

51-809. The title to property, equipment, and library materials of a public library federation acquired with funds of the public library federation shall be vested in the participating local governing authorities as reflected by an agreement entered into before the formation of the federation. The title to property, equipment, and library materials of an affiliated public library shall remain in the affiliated public library. Removal or disposal of public library federation property shall be determined by the public library federation board. The property of any public library federation shall be exempt from execution and shall be exempt from taxation to the extent such property is used for a public purpose. ~~as is other public property.~~

Sec. 18. Section 58-268, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

58-268. All property acquired or held by the authority ~~under to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act~~ is declared to be public property. The property to the extent such property is used for a public purpose, all the used for public and governmental purposes, and all the property, income from such property, bonds issued under such act, interest payable on such bonds, and income derived from such bonds shall at all times be exempt from all taxes imposed by the state or any county, city, or other political subdivision of the state. The authority may, in the resolution authorizing the issuance of any series of bonds, elect to have the income on such bonds be subject to personal income taxation imposed by the state. If the authority is dissolved, the ownership of any assets remaining after all indebtedness and other obligations of the authority have been discharged shall pass to the state. Notwithstanding that title to a project may be in the authority, such project shall be subject to taxation to the same extent, in the same manner, and under the same procedures as privately owned property in similar circumstances if such project is leased to or held by private interests.

Sec. 19. Section 58-324, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

58-324. All property acquired or held by the authority ~~under to carry out the purposes of the Small Business Development Authority Act~~ is declared to be public property. (1) The property to the extent such property is used for a public purpose, (2) ~~all the used for public and governmental purposes, and all the property,~~ income from such property, and (3) any income and dividends derived from any other source shall at all times be exempt from all taxes imposed by this state or any county, city, or other political subdivision of this state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt from taxes any enterprise which receives financing from the authority pursuant to section 58-321.

If the authority is dissolved, the ownership of any assets remaining

after all indebtedness and other obligations of the authority have been discharged shall pass to the state.

Nothing in the Small Business Development Authority Act shall be construed as an appropriation of state funds to the authority or as an authorization to appropriate state funds to the authority in the future.

Sec. 20. Section 58-430, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

58-430. All property acquired or held by the authority ~~under to carry out the purposes of the Research and Development Authority Act is declared to be public property. The property to the extent such property is used for a public purpose, all the used for public and governmental purposes, and all the property,~~ income from such property, bonds issued under such act, interest payable on such bonds, and income derived from such bonds shall at all times be exempt from all taxes imposed by this state or any county, city, or other political subdivision of this state. The authority may, in the resolution authorizing the issuance of any series of bonds, elect to have the income on such bonds be subject to personal income taxation imposed by this state. If the authority is dissolved, the ownership of any assets remaining after all indebtedness and other obligations of the authority have been discharged shall pass to the state. Notwithstanding that title to a private business may be in the authority, such private business shall be subject to taxation to the same extent, in the same manner, and under the same procedures as privately owned property in similar circumstances if such private business is leased to or held by a private interest.

Sec. 21. Original sections 2-4243, 3-147, 3-206, 3-227, 3-511, 3-613, 3-621, 3-707, 3-714, 13-824, 14-1721, 15-844, 18-2480, 51-218, 58-268, 58-324, and 58-430, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 3-504, 13-2546, and 51-809, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, are repealed.

Sec. 22. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 3-606, 18-1506, and 46-267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.