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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson; Arch, 14;  
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Fredrickson, 20; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11.

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Committee: Executive Board

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 49-501,  
2 49-501.01, 49-502, 49-503, 49-504, 49-505, 49-507, 49-508, 49-509,  
3 49-509.01, 49-704, 49-708, 49-1701, 83-901, 84-502, 84-512,  
4 84-1205.02, 85-176, and 85-177, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, section 49-707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
6 2024, and sections 49-506 and 49-617, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
7 2025; to change provisions relating to the publication, printing,  
8 and distribution of the Legislative Journal, the session laws, and  
9 the statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compiling  
10 the Constitution of Nebraska; to change, provide, and eliminate  
11 powers and duties of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council,  
12 the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State, the Clerk of the  
13 Legislature, the Revisor of Statutes, county clerks, and the State  
14 Librarian; to change provisions relating to certain funds; to  
15 harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the  
16 original sections; and to declare an emergency.  
17 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.**   (1) The Clerk of the Legislature is authorized to  
2 distribute the session laws, the journal of the Legislature, and the  
3 statutes of the state. The session laws, journal, and statutes may be  
4 published in print or electronic format or in both formats.

5           (2) The session laws and journal shall be compiled and published by  
6 the Clerk of the Legislature after each regular session of the  
7 Legislature. The session laws shall contain all the laws passed by the  
8 preceding session as well as those passed during any special session  
9 since the last regular session. The session laws shall also contain a  
10 certified copy of the Constitution of Nebraska as required by section  
11 49-1701. The clerk shall distribute one copy of the session laws and the  
12 journal to each member of the Legislature and shall distribute a second  
13 copy to any member of the Legislature upon such member's request.

14           (3) The Revisor of Statutes shall cause the statutes to be printed  
15 pursuant to section 49-704 and the policy described in subsection (4) of  
16 this section. The printer shall deliver all completed copies to the Clerk  
17 of the Legislature for distribution.

18           (4) The Clerk of the Legislature shall provide copies of the session  
19 laws, journal, and statutes for distribution to judges, county officers  
20 and offices, state officers and agencies, libraries, and other persons  
21 pursuant to a policy adopted by the Executive Board of the Legislative  
22 Council. The clerk shall distribute such copies by the most expeditious  
23 and economic means as the clerk determines pursuant to the policy adopted  
24 by the executive board. Any person may send a request to the clerk for  
25 printed copies of the session laws, journal, or statutes and shall pay  
26 the cost of production and delivery of such copies as such costs are  
27 determined by the clerk based on prices prescribed by the executive board  
28 pursuant to the policy. The clerk may sell or otherwise dispose of copies  
29 determined to be surplus or superseded pursuant to the policy.

30           **Sec. 2.** Section 49-501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1           49-501 The Secretary of State is ~~hereby~~ authorized to distribute the  
2 laws and journals of the state.

3           This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

4           **Sec. 3.** Section 49-501.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6           49-501.01 The session laws and journal of the Legislature shall be  
7 compiled and published by the Clerk of the Legislature after each regular  
8 session of the Legislature. The session laws and journal may be published  
9 in print or electronic format or in both formats. The session laws shall  
10 contain all the laws passed by the preceding session as well as those  
11 passed during any special session since the last regular session. The  
12 session laws shall also contain a certified copy of the Constitution of  
13 Nebraska as required by section 49-1701. The clerk shall distribute one  
14 copy of the session laws and journal to each person who was a member of  
15 the Legislature by which the laws were enacted and shall distribute a  
16 second copy to any such person upon such person's ~~his or her~~ request. The  
17 clerk shall provide the session laws and journals to the Secretary of  
18 State for distribution pursuant to sections 49-501 to 49-509.01.

19           This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

20           **Sec. 4.** Section 49-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22           49-502 The county clerk shall distribute one copy of the session  
23 laws to the clerk of the district court for the use of the district court  
24 in all counties of the state except Lancaster and Douglas Counties, and  
25 in those counties one copy for each district judge in the county, to the  
26 judge of the county court, to the county attorney, and to the county law  
27 library. The county clerk ~~He or she~~ shall also reserve one copy each of  
28 the laws and journals for the county clerk's own use ~~himself or herself~~  
29 and give one copy to each clerk magistrate in the county.

30           This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

31           **Sec. 5.** Section 49-503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 49-503 The county clerk of each county shall make a requisition to  
3 ~~upon~~ the Secretary of State for copies of the session laws and the  
4 journal of the Legislature for the use of such ~~the county of which he or~~  
5 ~~she is clerk~~. The county clerk shall make the requisition for session  
6 laws based on the classification of the county by population as provided  
7 in section 23-1114.01. A Class 1 county may request a maximum of three  
8 sets, a Class 2 county may request a maximum of five sets, a Class 3  
9 county may request a maximum of seven sets, a Class 4 county may request  
10 a maximum of ten sets, a Class 5 county may request a maximum of twelve  
11 sets, a Class 6 county may request a maximum of twenty sets, and a Class  
12 7 county may request a maximum of twenty-five sets. The county clerk  
13 shall make a requisition for less than the maximum amount authorized if  
14 the county clerk ~~he or she~~ finds that a lesser amount is sufficient for  
15 the needs of the county. The county clerk shall make a requisition for  
16 one copy of the journal of the Legislature. The Secretary of State shall  
17 forward the session laws and journal to each county by the most  
18 expeditious and economic means and in print or electronic format as he or  
19 she determines, upon recommendation by the Clerk of the Legislature and  
20 approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

21 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

22 **Sec. 6.** Section 49-504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 49-504 Each county officer shall deliver to such officer's ~~his~~  
25 successor in office all laws and journals which shall have come into such  
26 officer's ~~his~~ possession under the provisions of sections 49-502 and  
27 49-503 as soon after such officer's ~~his~~ successor shall have qualified as  
28 such successor or as the county clerk may require.

29 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

30 **Sec. 7.** Section 49-505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1           49-505 After the ~~above~~ distribution under sections 49-502 to 49-504,  
2 the copies of laws and journals remaining in the hands of the county  
3 clerk may, upon ~~their application, be distributed to the~~ request of the  
4 librarians of any public libraries within the county for whose support an  
5 annual tax is levied, be distributed to such librarians.

6           This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

7           **Sec. 8.** Section 49-506, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
8 amended to read:

9           49-506 After the Secretary of State has made the distribution  
10 provided by section 49-503, he or she shall deliver additional copies of  
11 the session laws and the journal of the Legislature pursuant to this  
12 section in print or electronic format as he or she determines, upon  
13 recommendation by the Clerk of the Legislature and approval of the  
14 Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

15           One copy of the session laws shall be delivered to the Lieutenant  
16 Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the  
17 Reporter of Decisions, the State Court Administrator, the State Fire  
18 Marshal, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of  
19 Agriculture, the Department of Banking and Finance, the State Department  
20 of Education, the Department of Insurance, the Department of Labor, the  
21 Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Revenue, the Department  
22 of Transportation, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of  
23 Water, Energy, and Environment, the Military Department, the Nebraska  
24 State Patrol, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal  
25 Justice, each of the Nebraska state colleges, the Game and Parks  
26 Commission, the Nebraska Library Commission, the Nebraska Liquor Control  
27 Commission, the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, the  
28 Public Service Commission, the State Real Estate Commission, the Nebraska  
29 State Historical Society, the Public Employees Retirement Board, the Risk  
30 Manager, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Public Counsel, the materiel  
31 division of the Department of Administrative Services, the State Records

1 Administrator, the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
2 Services, the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, the inmate library  
3 at all state penal and correctional institutions, the Commission on  
4 Public Advocacy, and the Library of Congress; two copies to the Governor,  
5 the Secretary of State, the Commission of Industrial Relations, and the  
6 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, one of which shall  
7 be for use by the community colleges; three copies to the Department of  
8 Health and Human Services; four copies to the Nebraska Publications  
9 Clearinghouse; five copies to the Attorney General; nine copies to the  
10 Revisor of Statutes; sixteen copies to the Supreme Court and the  
11 Legislative Council; and thirty-five copies to the University of Nebraska  
12 College of Law.

13 One copy of the journal of the Legislature shall be delivered to the  
14 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor of  
15 Public Accounts, the Reporter of Decisions, the State Court  
16 Administrator, the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Legislative  
17 Fiscal Analyst, the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, the  
18 Commission on Public Advocacy, and the Library of Congress; two copies to  
19 the Secretary of State and the Commission of Industrial Relations; four  
20 copies to the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse; five copies to the  
21 Attorney General and the Revisor of Statutes; eight copies to the Clerk  
22 of the Legislature; thirteen copies to the Supreme Court and the  
23 Legislative Council; and thirty-five copies to the University of Nebraska  
24 College of Law. The remaining copies shall be delivered to the State  
25 Librarian who shall use the same, so far as required for exchange  
26 purposes, in building up the State Library and in the manner specified in  
27 sections 49-507 to 49-509.

28 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

29 **Sec. 9.** Section 49-507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 49-507 The State Librarian or the State Librarian's ~~his or her~~

1 designee shall issue one copy each of the session laws and journals to  
2 the United States District Attorney, the United States Marshal, the  
3 register and receiver of the United States land offices in the state, and  
4 each United States Commissioner residing in the state. The State  
5 Librarian shall determine whether the copies issued are in print or a  
6 reasonably available electronic format, upon recommendation by the Clerk  
7 of the Legislature and approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative  
8 Council.

9 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

10 **Sec. 10.** Section 49-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 49-508 The new members of each Legislature shall be furnished by the  
13 State Librarian or his or her designee, at the commencement of the first  
14 session for which they are elected, with one copy of each of the session  
15 laws and journals of the preceding session, with a second copy furnished  
16 to any such member upon such member's ~~his or her~~ request.

17 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

18 **Sec. 11.** Section 49-509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 49-509 Any remaining copies of the session laws and journals in the  
21 hands of the State Librarian shall be sold by the Supreme Court at a  
22 price of fifteen dollars for bound print copies of the session laws and  
23 forty dollars for bound print copies of the journal, except that after  
24 two years have elapsed from the date of publication, the court may sell  
25 any bound print copies of the session laws and journals at a price of  
26 twenty-five cents per volume. Any remaining copies of the session laws  
27 and journals in electronic format shall be sold by the Supreme Court at a  
28 price not to exceed the amount necessary to recover the cost of  
29 production, upon recommendation by the Clerk of the Legislature and  
30 approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

31 The proceeds shall be remitted to the General Fund. When there is no

1 longer a demand for session laws and journals over two years old, the  
2 Supreme Court may dispose of such session laws and journals in such  
3 manner as it deems proper.

4 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

5 **Sec. 12.** Section 49-509.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
6 amended to read:

7 49-509.01 The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and  
8 directed to sell unbound print copies of the session laws and unbound  
9 print copies of the daily journal of each legislative session at such  
10 price as shall be prescribed by the Executive Board of the Legislative  
11 Council, which price shall not exceed the amount necessary to recover  
12 costs. For the unbound print journal and laws of a special session, when  
13 published separately from that of a regular session, the price shall be  
14 as recommended by the Clerk of the Legislature and approved by the  
15 Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

16 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

17 **Sec. 13.** Section 49-617, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
18 amended to read:

19 49-617 The Revisor of Statutes shall cause the statutes to be  
20 printed. The printer shall deliver all completed copies to the Supreme  
21 Court. Such ~~These~~ copies shall be held and disposed of by the court as  
22 follows: Sixty copies to the State Library to exchange for statutes of  
23 other states; five copies to the State Library to keep for daily use; not  
24 to exceed twenty-five copies to the Legislative Council for bill drafting  
25 and related services to the Legislature and executive state officers; as  
26 many copies to the Attorney General as there are ~~he or she has~~ attorneys  
27 on the Attorney General's ~~his or her~~ staff; as many copies to the  
28 Commission on Public Advocacy as it has attorneys on its staff; up to  
29 sixteen copies to the State Court Administrator; thirteen copies to the  
30 Tax Commissioner; eight copies to the Nebraska Publications  
31 Clearinghouse; six copies to the Public Service Commission; four copies

1 to the Secretary of State; three copies to the Tax Equalization and  
2 Review Commission; four copies to the Clerk of the Legislature for use in  
3 the clerk's ~~his or her~~ office and three copies to be maintained in the  
4 legislative chamber, one copy on each side of the chamber and one copy at  
5 the desk of the Clerk of the Legislature, under control of the sergeant  
6 at arms; three copies to the Department of Health and Human Services; two  
7 copies each to the Governor of the state, the Chief Justice and each  
8 judge of the Supreme Court, each judge of the Court of Appeals, the Clerk  
9 of the Supreme Court, the Reporter of Decisions, the Commissioner of  
10 Labor, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Revisor of Statutes; one  
11 copy each to the Secretary of State of the United States, each Indian  
12 tribal court located in the State of Nebraska, the library of the Supreme  
13 Court of the United States, the Adjutant General, the Air National Guard,  
14 the Commissioner of Education, the State Treasurer, the Board of  
15 Educational Lands and Funds, the Director of Agriculture, the Director of  
16 Administrative Services, the Director of Economic Development, the  
17 director of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems, the  
18 Director-State Engineer, the Director of Banking and Finance, the  
19 Director of Insurance, the Director of Motor Vehicles, the Director of  
20 Veterans' Affairs, the Director of Water, Energy, and Environment, the  
21 Director of Correctional Services, the Nebraska Emergency Operating  
22 Center, each judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, each  
23 commissioner of the Commission of Industrial Relations, the Nebraska  
24 Liquor Control Commission, the State Real Estate Commission, the  
25 secretary of the Game and Parks Commission, the Board of Pardons, each  
26 state institution under the Department of Health and Human Services, each  
27 state institution under the State Department of Education, the State  
28 Surveyor, the Nebraska State Patrol, the materiel division of the  
29 Department of Administrative Services, the personnel division of the  
30 Department of Administrative Services, the Nebraska Motor Vehicle  
31 Industry Licensing Board, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State

1 Colleges, each of the Nebraska state colleges, each district judge of the  
2 State of Nebraska, each judge of the county court, each judge of a  
3 separate juvenile court, the Lieutenant Governor, each United States  
4 Senator from Nebraska, each United States Representative from Nebraska,  
5 each clerk of the district court for the use of the district court, the  
6 clerk of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, each clerk of the  
7 county court, each county attorney, each county public defender, each  
8 county law library, and the inmate library at all state penal and  
9 correctional institutions, and each member of the Legislature shall be  
10 entitled to two complete sets, and two complete sets of such volumes as  
11 are necessary to update previously issued volumes, but each member of the  
12 Legislature and each judge of any court referred to in this section shall  
13 be entitled, on request, to an additional complete set. Copies of the  
14 statutes distributed without charge, as listed in this section, shall be  
15 the property of the state or governmental subdivision of the state and  
16 not the personal property of the particular person receiving a copy.  
17 Distribution of statutes to the library of the College of Law of the  
18 University of Nebraska shall be as provided in sections 85-176 and  
19 85-177.

20 This section terminates on January 1, 2027.

21 **Sec. 14.** Section 49-704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 49-704 (1) The Revisor of Statutes may, subject to the approval of  
24 the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, negotiate and enter into  
25 a contract without advertising for bids for the editing, printing,  
26 binding, and publication, under the Revisor's ~~his~~ supervision and  
27 direction, of the supplements and reissued or replacement volumes to the  
28 statutes of Nebraska.

29 (2) The Revisor of Statutes shall cause a sufficient number of  
30 copies of such volumes to be printed under contract according to  
31 specifications to be formulated by the Revisor of Statutes after taking

1 into consideration the requests made pursuant to the policy described in  
2 section 1 of this act.

3 **Sec. 15.** Section 49-707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 49-707 The supplements and reissued or replacement volumes of the  
6 statutes of Nebraska shall be sold and distributed by the Clerk of the  
7 Legislature Supreme Court at such price as shall be prescribed by the  
8 Executive Board of the Legislative Council pursuant to the policy  
9 described in section 1 of this act, which price shall be sufficient to  
10 recover all costs of publication and distribution.

11 ~~The Supreme Court may sell for one dollar per volume any compilation~~  
12 ~~or revision of the statutes of Nebraska that has been superseded by a~~  
13 ~~later official revision, compilation, or replacement volume. The Supreme~~  
14 ~~Court may dispose of any unsold superseded volumes in any manner it deems~~  
15 ~~proper.~~

16 All money received by the Clerk of the Legislature Supreme Court  
17 from the sale of the supplements and reissued or replacement volumes  
18 shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Nebraska  
19 Statutes Cash Fund or the Nebraska Statutes Distribution Cash Fund, as  
20 appropriate. That portion of the money received that represents the costs  
21 of publication shall be credited to the Nebraska Statutes Cash Fund, and  
22 that portion of the money received that represents the costs of  
23 distribution shall be credited to the Nebraska Statutes Distribution Cash  
24 Fund. The Clerk of the Legislature court shall take receipts for all such  
25 money paid into the funds.

26 ~~Supplements and reissued volumes shall be furnished and delivered~~  
27 ~~free of charge in the same number and to the same parties as are~~  
28 ~~designated in section 49-617.~~

29 **Sec. 16.** Section 49-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 49-708 The Nebraska Statutes Cash Fund is created. The fund shall

1 consist of funds received pursuant to section 49-707. The fund shall be  
2 used by the Revisor of Statutes to perform the duties required by  
3 subdivision (4) of section 49-702 and section 49-704, except that  
4 transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction  
5 of the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Statutes Cash Fund  
6 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
7 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
8 State Funds Investment Act.

9 The Nebraska Statutes Distribution Cash Fund is created. The fund  
10 shall consist of funds received pursuant to section 49-707. The fund  
11 shall be used by the Clerk of the Legislature ~~Supreme Court~~ to perform  
12 the duties required by such section. Any money in the fund available for  
13 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
14 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
15 Investment Act.

16 **Sec. 17.** Section 49-1701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 49-1701 (1) Following each statewide election at which an amendment  
19 to the Constitution of Nebraska is adopted ~~Except as provided in~~  
20 ~~subsection (6) of this section, following each regular session of the~~  
21 ~~Legislature,~~ the Revisor of Statutes shall compile an updated copy of the  
22 Constitution of Nebraska, showing all sections as they exist at that time  
23 and including notes after the end of each section as follows:

24 (a) For each section, the Revisor of Statutes shall provide a note  
25 referencing the source of such section and any amendments thereto;

26 (b) If a section is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, in  
27 whole or in part, by the final judgment of a federal court or the  
28 Nebraska Supreme Court, the Revisor of Statutes shall provide a note to  
29 that effect. The Attorney General shall assist the Revisor of Statutes in  
30 complying with this subdivision by promptly notifying the Revisor of  
31 Statutes when any section is declared unconstitutional or inoperative;

1 and

2 (c) For any section, the Revisor of Statutes may provide additional  
3 notes at his or her discretion.

4 (2) Within ten calendar days after the board of state canvassers  
5 completes the canvass of a statewide election at which an amendment to  
6 the Constitution of Nebraska is adopted, the Revisor of Statutes shall  
7 ~~The Revisor of Statutes shall, within two days after the Legislature has~~  
8 ~~adjourned sine die, transmit the updated copy of the Constitution of~~  
9 Nebraska as compiled under subsection (1) of this section to the  
10 Secretary of State for his or her review to determine whether the updated  
11 copy accurately reflects the text of the Constitution of Nebraska as it  
12 exists at that time. ~~If the Secretary of State determines that any~~  
13 ~~changes are necessary, he or she shall, within five days after receipt of~~  
14 ~~the updated copy, notify the Revisor of Statutes of the changes. The~~  
15 ~~Revisor of Statutes shall make such changes and then promptly return the~~  
16 ~~updated copy to the Secretary of State for further review. If the~~  
17 Secretary of State determines that no changes are necessary or that all  
18 necessary changes have been made by the Revisor of Statutes, the  
19 Secretary of State shall promptly certify the updated copy as an accurate  
20 reflection of the text of the Constitution of Nebraska as it exists at  
21 that time and . ~~The Secretary of State shall then transmit the certified~~  
22 ~~copy to the Clerk of the Legislature for distribution no later than ten~~  
23 ~~days after the Legislature has adjourned sine die.~~

24 (3) After receiving the certified copy of the Constitution of  
25 Nebraska from the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (2) of this  
26 section, the Clerk of the Legislature shall:

27 (a) Make the certified copy available in electronic form on the  
28 Legislature's website;

29 (b) Include the certified copy in the session laws compiled and  
30 published pursuant to section 49-501.01 or section 1 of this act; and

31 (c) Print pamphlets of the certified copy for distribution to the

1 public upon request.

2 (4) The certified copies printed by the Clerk of the Legislature  
3 pursuant to subdivisions (3)(b) and (3)(c) of this section shall  
4 constitute the official version of the Constitution of Nebraska and may  
5 be cited as prima facie evidence of the law in all courts of this state.

6 (5) The Secretary of State shall maintain in his or her office a  
7 copy of every edition of the Constitution of Nebraska certified pursuant  
8 to this section.

9 (6) Following any other statewide general election regular session  
10 ~~of the Legislature~~, if the Revisor of Statutes determines that there have  
11 been ~~no changes to the text of the Constitution of Nebraska and no~~  
12 changes to the notes required by subsection (1) of this section, the  
13 Revisor of Statutes may ~~decide not to~~ compile an updated copy of the  
14 Constitution of Nebraska ~~for that year~~. If the Revisor of Statutes  
15 decides ~~not~~ to compile an updated copy ~~for the year~~, he or she shall  
16 notify the Secretary of State and the Clerk of the Legislature of such  
17 fact and shall transmit the updated copy to the Secretary of State for  
18 his or her review and certification under subsection (2) ~~and the Clerk of~~  
19 ~~the Legislature shall continue to use the most recent year's certified~~  
20 ~~copy for purposes of subsection (3) of this section.~~

21 **Sec. 18.** Section 83-901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 83-901 The purpose of sections ~~49-617,~~ 68-621, 72-249, 72-1302 to  
24 72-1304, 81-101, 81-102, 81-1021, 83-101.08, 83-107.01, 83-108, 83-112,  
25 83-135, 83-139, 83-140, 83-144, 83-145, 83-147 to 83-150, 83-153 to  
26 83-156, 83-170 to 83-173, 83-186, 83-188, 83-443, and 83-901 to 83-916 is  
27 to establish an agency of state government for the custody, study, care,  
28 discipline, training, and treatment of persons in the correctional and  
29 detention institutions and for the study, training, and treatment of  
30 persons under the supervision of other correctional services of the state  
31 so that they may be prepared for lawful community living. Correctional

1 services shall be so diversified in program and personnel as to  
2 facilitate individualization of treatment.

3 **Sec. 19.** Section 84-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 84-502 It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State:

6 (1) To countersign and affix the seal of the state to all  
7 commissions required by law to be issued by the Governor;

8 (2) To keep a register of all such commissions specifying the person  
9 to whom granted, the office conferred, the date of signing the  
10 commission, and, when bond or an equivalent commercial insurance policy  
11 is taken, the date and amount thereof and the names of the sureties;

12 (3) To make and keep proper indexes to the records and all public  
13 acts, resolutions, papers, and documents in his or her office;

14 (4) To give any person requiring the same, and paying the lawful  
15 fees therefor, a copy of any law, act, resolution, record, or paper in  
16 his or her office, and attach thereto his or her certificate under the  
17 seal of the state; and

18 ~~(5) To distribute the laws and journals as authorized by section~~  
19 ~~49-501 and keep an account thereof; and~~

20 (5)(a) ~~(6)(a)~~ To act as the chief protocol officer of the State of  
21 Nebraska;

22 (b) In coordination with the Governor, the Department of Economic  
23 Development, the Department of Agriculture, and other interested federal,  
24 state, and local officials, to actively seek appropriate contacts with  
25 other officials in nations with which the state has or desires to have  
26 active trade, cultural, or educational relations; and

27 (c) To help facilitate the interchange of ideas and contacts for  
28 betterment of commerce, cultural exchange, or educational studies between  
29 such nations and the state.

30 **Sec. 20.** Section 84-512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1           84-512 (1) The Secretary of State Cash Fund is created. The State  
2 Treasurer shall transfer the balance of the Administration Cash Fund, the  
3 Corporation Cash Fund, the Nebraska Collection Agency Fund, the Secretary  
4 of State Administration Cash Fund, and the Uniform Commercial Code Cash  
5 Fund on July 1, 2021, to the Secretary of State Cash Fund. The fund shall  
6 also include fees and revenue collected by the Secretary of State  
7 pursuant to sections 13-2525, 21-186, 21-192, 21-205, 21-414, 21-1905,  
8 21-2216, 21-2924, 25-3308, 33-101, 33-102, 45-606, 45-620, 45-806,  
9 48-2609, 52-1004, 52-1312, 52-1313, 52-1316, 52-1602, 64-306, 64-313,  
10 64-405, 64-415, 67-293, 67-462, 69-1204, 69-1206, 71-3204, 77-3903,  
11 81-1921, 81-1922, 84-906.03, 87-130, 87-133, 87-134, and 87-210 to 87-212  
12 and sections 9-525 and 9-528, Uniform Commercial Code, and any other fees  
13 and revenue designated for credit to the fund.

14           (2) The Secretary of State shall use the Secretary of State Cash  
15 Fund for the administration of the office of the Secretary of State,  
16 including duties of the Secretary of State relating to oaths and bonds  
17 under Chapter 11, corporations and other business entities under Chapter  
18 21, address confidentiality under Chapter 42, collection agencies and  
19 credit service organizations under Chapter 45, ~~distribution of session~~  
20 ~~laws and legislative journals under Chapter 49,~~ liens, including  
21 effective financing statements and the master lien list, under Chapter  
22 52, notaries public under Chapter 64, partnerships under Chapter 67, debt  
23 management under Chapter 69, private detectives under Chapter 71, truth  
24 and deception examiners under Chapter 81, administrative duties, the  
25 Great Seal of the State of Nebraska, and rules and regulations, under  
26 Chapter 84, trade names, trademarks, and service marks under Chapter 87,  
27 and the Uniform Commercial Code, and any other administrative duties as  
28 deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

29           (3) Any money in the Secretary of State Cash Fund available for  
30 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
31 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds

1 Investment Act.

2 **Sec. 21.** Section 84-1205.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
3 is amended to read:

4 84-1205.02 Except as provided in sections ~~49-509~~, 52-1316 ~~,~~ and  
5 60-483 and article 9, Uniform Commercial Code, the board may establish  
6 reasonable fees for electronic access to (1) public records or (2)  
7 electronic information and services, through the portal. Fees for  
8 electronic access to public records shall not exceed the statutory fee  
9 for copies of public records in other forms. Any fees collected under  
10 this section shall be deposited in the Records Management Cash Fund.

11 **Sec. 22.** Section 85-176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
12 amended to read:

13 85-176 The following publications of the State of Nebraska shall, as  
14 they are from time to time issued, be delivered by the respective officer  
15 having custody thereof to the library of the College of Law of the  
16 University of Nebraska:

17 (1) The opinions of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Court of Appeals  
18 in either print or electronic format, or both, as determined by the  
19 Supreme Court;

20 (2) Five copies of the Opinions of the Attorney General, five copies  
21 of the Blue Book, and two copies each of the reports and recommendations  
22 of the Judicial Council and of the reports and recommendations of the  
23 Legislative Council;

24 (3) Copies of the session laws and the journal of the Legislature as  
25 provided in section 1 of this act ~~49-506~~;

26 (4) One copy each of the annual and biennial reports of the state  
27 officers who are required by law to make an annual or biennial report;  
28 and

29 (5) Statutes issued by the Clerk of the Legislature ~~Supreme Court~~  
30 shall be requested ~~requisitioned~~ by the librarian of the College of Law  
31 pursuant to section 1 of this act, allowing ten copies for the library of

1 the College of Law, five copies for the Legal Aid Bureau and the editors  
2 and staff of the Nebraska Law Review, one copy each for every full-time  
3 member of the law faculty, and no more than fifteen copies for the  
4 university libraries, nonlaw faculty, and administrative officers of the  
5 university combined.

6 **Sec. 23.** Section 85-177, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 85-177 In order to enable the library of the College of Law to  
9 augment its collections, the librarian of the College of Law of the  
10 University of Nebraska is authorized to requisition from the respective  
11 officer having custody thereof up to one hundred copies of the following  
12 state publications: Legislative Journals, Session Laws, replacement  
13 volumes and supplements to the Revised Statutes, and Opinions of the  
14 Attorney General. The copies of the Legislative Journals, ~~and~~ Session  
15 Laws, and replacement volumes and supplements to the Revised Statutes may  
16 be provided in print or electronic format as the Clerk of the Legislature  
17 ~~Secretary of State~~ determines, upon ~~recommendation by the Clerk of the~~  
18 ~~Legislature~~ and approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative  
19 Council.

20 **Sec. 24.** Sections 1, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26 of  
21 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,  
22 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 25 of this act become operative three calendar  
23 months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other  
24 sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

25 **Sec. 25.** Original sections 49-501, 49-501.01, 49-502, 49-503,  
26 49-504, 49-505, 49-507, 49-508, 49-509, and 49-509.01, Reissue Revised  
27 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 49-506 and 49-617, Revised Statutes  
28 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

29 **Sec. 26.** Original sections 49-704, 49-708, 83-901, 84-502, 84-512,  
30 84-1205.02, 85-176, and 85-177, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and  
31 section 49-707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are

1 repealed.

2       **Sec. 27.** Original section 49-1701, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
3 Nebraska, is repealed.

4       **Sec. 28.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
5 passed and approved according to law.