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LEGISLATIVE BILL 875

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

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

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 23-314, 2 39-818, 39-819, 39-821, 39-1309.01, 23-320, 39-1315, 39-1326, 3 39-1334, 39-1361, 39-2803, 49-617, 60-6,103, 60-6,167, 60-6,188, 60-6,190, 4 60-6,288, 60-6,292, 60-6,294, 60-6,295, 66-4,100, 66-4,144, 71-3526, and 84-203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 5 6 sections 3-103, 3-104, 13-1203, 39-221, 39-822, 39-891, 39-1101, 7 39-1110, 39-1301, 39-1311, 39-1314, 39-1323.01, 39-1349, 39-1390, 81-701.01, 8 39-2109, 39-2120, 81-102, 81-701.02, 81-701.04, 9 81-15,210, and 86-570, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and section 39-2106, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to rename 10 the Director-State Engineer for the Department of Transportation as 11 the Director of Transportation for the Department of Transportation; 12 13 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

1 Section 1. Section 3-103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 2 2020, is amended to read:
- 3 3-103 (1) The Division of Aeronautics shall be a division of the
- 4 Department of Transportation.
- 5 (2)(a) Until December 31, 2017, the chief administrative officer of
- 6 the division shall be the director, to be known as the Director of
- 7 Aeronautics, and shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to
- 8 confirmation by the Legislature, with due regard to his or her fitness
- 9 through aeronautical education and by knowledge of and recent practical
- 10 experience in aeronautics. The director shall devote full time to the
- 11 performance of his or her official duties and shall not have any
- 12 pecuniary interest in, stock in, or bonds of any civil aeronautics
- 13 enterprise. The director shall, before assuming the duties of the office,
- 14 take and subscribe an oath, such as is required by state officers. The
- 15 director shall be bonded or insured as required by section 11-201. The
- 16 director shall receive such compensation as the Governor, with the
- 17 approval of the commission, shall determine, subject to the provisions of
- 18 the legislative appropriations bill.
- 19 (b) Beginning January 1, 2018, the chief administrative officer of
- 20 the division shall be the Director of Aeronautics who shall be appointed
- 21 by and report directly to the Director of Transportation Director-State
- 22 Engineer, subject to confirmation by the Legislature, with due regard to
- 23 his or her fitness through aeronautical education and by knowledge of and
- 24 recent practical experience in aeronautics. The <u>Director of Aeronautics</u>
- 25 director shall devote full time to the performance of his or her official
- 26 duties and shall not have any pecuniary interest in, stock in, or bonds
- 27 of any civil aeronautics enterprise. The <u>Director of Aeronautics</u> <u>director</u>
- 28 shall, before assuming the duties of the office, take and subscribe an
- 29 oath, such as is required by state officers.
- 30 Sec. 2. Section 3-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020,
- 31 is amended to read:

- 1 (1) There is hereby created the Nebraska Aeronautics 2 Commission which shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The terms of office of the members of the commission 3 4 initially appointed shall expire on March 1 of the years 1946, 1947, 5 1948, 1949, and 1950, as designated by the Governor in making the respective appointments. As the terms of members expire, the Governor 6 shall, on or before March 1 of each year, appoint a member of the 7 commission for a term of five years to succeed the member whose term 8 9 expires. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification 10 of his or her successor. In case of a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of a member, the appointment shall be made only 11 for the remainder of the term. All members of the commission shall be 12 13 citizens and bona fide residents of the state and, in making such an 14 appointment, the Governor shall take into consideration the interest or training of the appointee in some one or all branches of aviation. The 15 16 commission shall, in December of each year, select a chairperson for the 17 ensuing year. The Director of Aeronautics shall serve as secretary as set forth in section 3-127. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and no 18 action shall be taken by less than a majority of the commission. 19
- (2) The commission shall meet upon the written call of the 20 chairperson, the director, or any two members of the commission. Regular 21 meetings shall be held at the office of the division but, whenever the 22 23 convenience of the public or of the parties may be promoted or delay or 24 expense may be prevented, the commission may hold meetings or proceedings at any other place designated by it. All meetings of the commission shall 25 be open to the public. No member shall receive any salary for his or her 26 service, but each shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by him or her 27 28 in the performance of his or her duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. 29
- 30 (3)(a) The commission shall advise the <u>Director of Transportation</u>
 31 <u>Director-State Engineer</u> relative to the appointment of the Director of

- 1 Aeronautics, and the commission shall report to the <u>Director of</u>
- 2 <u>Transportation</u> Director State Engineer whenever the commission feels that
- 3 the Director of Aeronautics is not properly fulfilling his or her duties.
- 4 The commission shall also advise the Governor on the general status and
- 5 state of aviation in Nebraska.
- 6 (b) The commission shall further act in an advisory capacity to the
- 7 Director of Aeronautics and Director of Transportation Director-State
- 8 Engineer.
- 9 (4) The commission shall have, in addition, the following specific
- 10 duties: (a) To allocate state funds and approve the use of federal funds
- 11 to be spent for the construction or maintenance of airports; (b) to
- 12 designate the locations and approve sites of airports; (c) to arrange and
- 13 authorize the purchase of aircraft upon behalf of the state; (d) to
- 14 select and approve pilots to be employed by the state, if any; and (e) to
- 15 assist the Director of Aeronautics in formulating the regulations and
- 16 policies to be carried out by the division under the terms of the State
- 17 Aeronautics Act. The commission may allocate state funds for the
- 18 promotion of aviation as defined for the purpose of this section by the
- 19 division. The <u>Director of Aeronautics director</u> may designate one or more
- 20 members of the commission to represent the division in conferences with
- 21 officials of the federal government, of other states, of other agencies
- 22 or municipalities of this state, or of persons owning privately owned
- 23 public use airports.
- 24 Sec. 3. Section 13-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 25 2020, is amended to read:
- 26 13-1203 For purposes of the Nebraska Public Transportation Act,
- 27 unless the context otherwise requires:
- 28 (1) Public transportation shall mean the transport of passengers on
- 29 a regular and continuing basis by motor carrier for hire, whether over
- 30 regular or irregular routes, over any public road in this state,
- 31 including city bus systems, intercity bus systems, special public

- 1 transportation systems to include portal-to-portal escorted service for
- 2 the elderly or handicapped, taxi, subscription, dial-a-ride, or other
- 3 demand-responsive systems, and those motor carriers for hire which may
- 4 carry elderly or handicapped individuals for a set fare, a donation, or
- 5 at no cost to such individuals. Public transportation shall not include
- 6 motor carriers for hire when engaged in the transportation of school
- 7 children and teachers to and from school and school-related activities
- 8 and shall not include private car pools;
- 9 (2) Department shall mean the Department of Transportation;
- 10 (3) Director shall mean the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-
- 11 State Engineer;
- 12 (4) Elderly shall mean any person sixty-two years of age or older
- 13 who is drawing social security and every person sixty-five years of age
- 14 and older;
- 15 (5) Handicapped shall mean any individual who is unable without
- 16 special facilities or special planning or design to utilize public
- 17 transportation facilities and services;
- 18 (6) Municipality shall mean any village or incorporated city, except
- 19 cities of the metropolitan class operating under home rule charter;
- 20 (7) Qualified public-purpose organization shall mean an incorporated
- 21 private not-for-profit group or agency which:
- 22 (a) Has operated or proposes to operate only motor vehicles having a
- 23 seating capacity of twenty or less for the transportation of passengers
- 24 in the state;
- (b) Has been approved as capable of providing public transportation
- 26 services by the appropriate city or county governing body; and
- 27 (c) Operates or proposes to operate a public transportation service
- 28 in an area which the department has identified as not being adequately
- 29 served by existing public or private transportation services pursuant to
- 30 section 13-1205; and
- 31 (8) Intercity bus system shall mean a system of regularly scheduled

- 1 bus service for the general public which operates with limited stops over
- 2 fixed routes connecting two or more communities or areas not in close
- 3 proximity which support public transportation service. At least one
- 4 terminus of the intercity bus system shall be in an area that makes
- 5 meaningful connections with intercity service to more distant points.
- 6 Sec. 4. Section 23-314, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 23-314 If at the time fixed for the hearing of the report, the
- 9 supervisors or board of commissioners shall find that notice has been
- 10 given, as required by section 23-312, and further find that the proposed
- 11 work is of public utility, convenience, welfare or safety, and that the
- 12 benefits assessed exceed the expenses and damages whatsoever they may be,
- 13 they shall order that the improvement be made and shall specify therein
- 14 the nature and extent of the improvement. The report of the engineer as
- 15 finally adopted by the board shall be designated as the plan for
- 16 protection and shall be submitted to the <u>Director of Transportation</u>
- 17 Director-State Engineer for the director's his information and approval.
- 18 <u>Notice</u>; Provided, that notice of the hour and day of such submission
- 19 shall be once published in the newspaper selected by the board for other
- 20 publication notices, at least five days prior thereto. This plan as
- 21 approved by the <u>director</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> shall stand as final.
- 22 Sec. 5. Section 23-320, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 23 amended to read:
- 24 23-320 Any person who appeared and filed a remonstrance as to the
- 25 benefits received by him or her through such improvement or as to the
- 26 amount of his or her assessment before the supervisors or board of
- 27 commissioners at the hearing as provided in section 23-313 shall be
- 28 allowed an appeal to the district court of the county by the same
- 29 procedure as is provided in section 31-412. On such appeal the only
- 30 questions that shall be tried shall be the questions raised before the
- 31 board by the remonstrance. On such trial the report of the engineer shall

- 1 be admissible in evidence and nothing in this section shall be construed
- 2 as authorizing or permitting the stoppage, prevention, or delay of the
- 3 proposed work. If more than one party appeals, the appeals shall be
- 4 consolidated and tried together and the rights of each appellant
- 5 separately determined. If the court finds for any appellant upon his or
- 6 her remonstrance, it shall amend the report and the schedule of the
- 7 assessment in accordance with its finding. The amended report and
- 8 schedule shall be filed with the county clerk and a copy forwarded to the
- 9 <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u>. If on appeal the
- 10 court finds against the remonstrants, it shall dismiss the appeal at the
- 11 cost of appellant.
- 12 Sec. 6. Section 39-221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 13 2020, is amended to read:
- 14 39-221 Any person, firm, company, or corporation violating any of
- 15 the provisions of sections 39-212 to 39-222 shall be guilty of a Class V
- 16 misdemeanor. In addition to any other available remedies, the <u>Director of</u>
- 17 <u>Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer, for the Department of
- 18 Transportation and in the name of the State of Nebraska, may apply to the
- 19 district court having jurisdiction for an injunction to force compliance
- 20 with any of the provisions of such sections or rules and regulations
- 21 promulgated thereunder. When any person, firm, company, or corporation
- 22 deems its property rights have been adversely affected by the application
- 23 of the provisions of such sections, such person, firm, company, or
- 24 corporation shall have the right to have damages ascertained and
- 25 determined pursuant to Chapter 76, article 7.
- Sec. 7. Section 39-818, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 39-818 (1) The county board shall require bidders to bid upon plans
- 29 and specifications on bidding blanks prepared by the <u>Director of</u>
- 30 <u>Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> or such other officer who may have
- 31 charge of such matters in this state, to be furnished by the director

- 1 Director-State Engineer free of charge, which shall be adopted by the
- 2 county board.
- 3 (2) If ; Provided, if the county board adopts should adopt plans and
- 4 specifications which infringe on any patent right granted under and by
- 5 virtue of the laws of the United States, the county board shall endorse
- 6 on the plans and specifications the name of the owner of such patent
- 7 right or the name of the party entitled to receive royalties therefor,
- 8 and the amount of royalties received by the owner or party.
- 9 (3) The entitled thereto; and the board may accept the lowest
- 10 responsible bid and award the contract accordingly or reject any and all
- 11 bids submitted for such work. Upon the rejection of any bid or bids by
- 12 the board, it shall have the power and authority to purchase the
- 13 necessary bridge material and employ the necessary labor to construct and
- 14 repair bridges to be built by the county within one year.
- 15 <u>(4) The</u> ; the purpose being that the county board shall be vested
- 16 with power and authority to purchase the necessary material and employ
- 17 the necessary labor $_{\overline{r}}$ to construct and repair the bridges of the county
- 18 within one year.
- 19 (5) This section shall not be construed to ; Provided, however,
- 20 nothing herein contained shall prevent any person or corporation from
- 21 submitting to the Director-State Engineer plans and specifications to the
- 22 <u>Director of Transportation</u> for his consideration.
- 23 Sec. 8. Section 39-819, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 24 amended to read:
- 25 39-819 The county board shall not let or enter into any contract or
- 26 contracts for the erection of any bridge, the estimated cost of which
- 27 bridge shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, except upon uniform
- 28 plans and specifications and bidding blanks prepared by the <u>Director of</u>
- 29 Transportation Director-State Engineer, or such other officers who may
- 30 have charge of such matters in this state, which plans shall be drawn to
- 31 scale and shall show the outline of the bridge or bridges as it or they

- 1 will appear when completed. The plans and specifications shall also show
- 2 at least one cross-sectional view of each. They shall show the name,
- 3 number, size, grade, dimensions, mixture or other quality of all work and
- 4 material to be used in the construction of the bridge or bridges. It
- 5 shall be the duty of the <u>director</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> or such other
- 6 officer who may have charge of such matters in this state, to inspect and
- 7 check the completed work when called upon so to do by the county board,
- 8 or by the written request of five resident freeholders of the county.
- 9 Sec. 9. Section 39-821, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 39-821 The <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer, or
- 12 such other officer who may have charge of such matters in this state,
- 13 shall prepare plans, specifications, and estimates of the cost of
- 14 construction, which shall be uniform throughout the state, and strain
- 15 sheets and estimates of cost of all such standard pattern bridges, the
- 16 estimated cost of which will exceed five hundred dollars each, as are
- 17 best adapted to the requirements of the several counties. Such $\dot{ au}$
- 18 Provided, such plans, specifications, and estimates shall be based upon
- 19 proper and sufficient data which shall be furnished to the secretary of
- 20 the county board. The director ; and the Director-State Engineer shall
- 21 supply the several counties with the number of prints of plans and strain
- 22 sheets and printed copies of specifications, ordered by such said
- 23 counties, free of charge, and he shall retain all drawings in the
- 24 <u>director's</u> his office to be turned over to the director's his successor.
- 25 Sec. 10. Section 39-822, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 26 2020, is amended to read:
- 27 39-822 The county board shall keep in the office of the county clerk
- 28 of the county a sufficient supply of the prints of the plans and the
- 29 printed copies of the specifications and estimates of the cost of
- 30 construction mentioned in section 39-821, to be furnished by the <u>Director</u>
- 31 of Transportation Director-State Engineer for distribution to prospective

- 1 bidders and taxpayers of the county. No contract shall be entered into
- 2 under the provisions of sections 39-810 to 39-826 for the construction or
- 3 erection of any bridge or bridges unless, for the period of thirty days
- 4 immediately preceding the time of entering into such contract, there
- 5 shall have been available for distribution by the county clerk such plans
- 6 and specifications. The county boards of the several counties shall
- 7 prepare and transmit to the Department of Transportation a statement
- 8 accompanied by the plans and specifications, showing the cost of all
- 9 bridges built in their counties under the provisions of such sections,
- 10 and state therein whether they were built under a contract or by the
- 11 county.
- 12 Sec. 11. Section 39-891, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 13 2020, is amended to read:
- 14 39-891 (1) Recognizing that obstructions on or near the boundary of
- 15 the State of Nebraska impede commerce and travel between the State of
- 16 Nebraska and adjoining states, the Legislature hereby declares that
- 17 bridges over these obstructions are essential to the general welfare of
- 18 the State of Nebraska.
- 19 (2) Providing bridges over these obstructions and for the safe and
- 20 efficient operation of such bridges is deemed an urgent problem that is
- 21 the proper concern of legislative action.
- 22 (3) Such bridges, properly planned, designated, and managed, provide
- 23 a safe passage for highway traffic to and from the state highway system
- 24 and encourage commerce and travel between the State of Nebraska and
- 25 adjoining states which increase the social and economic progress and
- 26 general welfare of the state.
- 27 <u>(4) It is recognized that bridges between the State of Nebraska and</u>
- 28 adjoining states are not and cannot be the sole concern of the State of
- 29 Nebraska. The nature of such bridges requires that a high degree of
- 30 cooperation be exercised between the State of Nebraska and adjoining
- 31 states in all phases of planning, construction, maintenance, and

- 1 operation if proper benefits are to be realized.
- 2 (5) It is also recognized that parties other than the State of
- 3 Nebraska may wish to erect and control bridges between the State of
- 4 Nebraska and adjoining states and that the construction, operation, and
- 5 financing of such bridges have previously been authorized by the
- 6 Legislature. Such bridges also benefit the State of Nebraska, and it is
- 7 not the intent of the Legislature to abolish such power previously
- 8 granted.
- 9 (6) To this end, it is the intention of the Legislature to
- 10 supplement sections 39-1301 to 39-1362 and 39-1393, relating to state
- 11 highways, in order that the powers and authority of the department
- 12 relating to the planning, construction, maintenance, acquisition, and
- 13 operation of interstate bridges upon the state highway system may be
- 14 clarified within a single act.
- 15 (7) Acting under the direction of the Director of Transportation
- 16 Director-State Engineer, the department, with the advice of the State
- 17 Highway Commission and the consent of the Governor, is given the power to
- 18 enter into agreements with the United States and adjoining states,
- 19 subject to the limitations imposed by the Constitution and the provisions
- 20 of the Interstate Bridge Act of 1959.
- 21 (8) The Legislature intends to place a high degree of trust in the
- 22 hands of those officials whose duty it may be to enter into agreements
- 23 with adjoining states and the United States for the planning,
- 24 development, construction, acquisition, operation, maintenance, and
- 25 protection of interstate bridges.
- 26 (9) In order that the persons concerned may understand the
- 27 limitations and responsibilities for planning, constructing, acquiring,
- 28 operating, and maintaining interstate bridges upon the state highway
- 29 system, it is necessary that the responsibilities for such work shall be
- 30 fixed, but it is intended that the department, acting under the Director
- 31 of Transportation Director-State Engineer, shall have sufficient freedom

- 1 to enter into agreements with adjoining states regarding any phase of
- 2 planning, constructing, acquiring, maintaining, and operating interstate
- 3 bridges upon the state highway system in order that the best interests of
- 4 the State of Nebraska may always be served. The authority of the
- 5 department to enter into agreements with adjoining states, as granted in
- 6 the act, is therefor essential.
- 7 (10) The Legislature hereby determines and declares that the
- 8 provisions of the act are necessary for the preservation of the public
- 9 peace, health, and safety, for the promotion of the general welfare, and
- 10 as a contribution to the national defense.
- 11 Sec. 12. Section 39-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2020, is amended to read:
- 13 39-1101 There is hereby created in the Department of Transportation
- 14 a State Highway Commission which shall consist of eight members to be
- 15 appointed by the Governor with the consent of a majority of all the
- 16 members of the Legislature. One member shall at all times be appointed
- 17 from each of the eight districts designated in section 39-1102. Each
- 18 member of the commission shall be (1) a citizen of the United States, (2)
- 19 not less than thirty years of age, and (3) a bona fide resident of the
- 20 State of Nebraska and of the district from which he or she is appointed
- 21 for at least three years immediately preceding his or her appointment.
- 22 Not more than four members shall be of the same political party. The
- 23 Director of Transportation Director-State Engineer shall be an ex officio
- 24 member of the commission who shall vote in case of a tie.
- 25 Sec. 13. Section 39-1110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 26 2020, is amended to read:
- 27 39-1110 (1) It shall be the duty of the State Highway Commission:
- 28 (a) To conduct studies and investigations and to act in an advisory
- 29 capacity to the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer in the
- 30 establishment of broad policies for carrying out the duties and
- 31 responsibilities of the Department of Transportation;

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- 1 (b) To advise the public regarding the policies, conditions, and
- 3 (c) To hold hearings, make investigations, studies, and inspections,
- 4 and do all other things necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it
- 5 by law;
- 6 (d) To advance information and advice conducive to providing
- 7 adequate and safe highways in the state;

activities of the department;

- 8 (e) When called upon by the Governor, to advise him or her relative
- 9 to the appointment of the Director of Transportation Director-State
- 10 Engineer; and
- (f) To submit to the Governor its written advice regarding the 11 feasibility of each relinquishment or abandonment of a fragment of a 12 13 route, section of a route, or a route on the state highway system proposed by the department. The chairperson of the commission shall 14 designate one or more of the members of the commission, prior to 15 submitting such advice, to personally inspect the fragment of a route, 16 17 section of a route, or a route to be relinquished or abandoned, who shall take into consideration the following factors: Cost to the state for 18 19 maintenance, estimated cost to the state for future improvements, whether traffic service provided is primarily local or otherwise, whether other 20 facilities provide comparable service, and the relationship to 21 22 integrated state highway system. The department shall furnish to the commission all needed assistance in making its inspection and study. If 23 24 the commission, after making such inspection and study, shall fail to 25 reach a decision as to whether or not the fragment of a route, section of a route, or a route should be relinquished or abandoned, it may hold a 26 public hearing on such proposed relinquishment or abandonment. The 27 28 commission shall give a written notice of the time and place of such hearing, not less than two weeks prior to the time of the hearing, to the 29 political or governmental subdivisions or public corporations wherein 30

such portion of the state highway system is proposed to be relinquished

- 1 or abandoned. The commission shall submit to the Governor, within two
- 2 weeks after such hearing, its written advice upon such proposed
- 3 relinguishment or abandonment.
- 4 (2) All funds rendered available by law to the department, including
- 5 funds already collected for such purposes, may be used by the State
- 6 Highway Commission in administering and effecting such purposes, to be
- 7 paid upon approval by the <u>Director of Transportation Director-State</u>
- 8 Engineer.
- 9 (3) All data and information of the department shall be available to
- 10 the State Highway Commission.
- 11 (4) The State Highway Commission may issue bonds under the Nebraska
- 12 Highway Bond Act.
- 13 Sec. 14. Section 39-1301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 14 2020, is amended to read:
- 15 39-1301 (1) Recognizing that safe and efficient highway
- 16 transportation is a matter of important interest to all of the people in
- 17 the state, the Legislature hereby determines and declares that an
- 18 integrated system of highways is essential to the general welfare of the
- 19 State of Nebraska.
- 20 <u>(2)</u> Providing such a system of facilities and the efficient
- 21 management, operation, and control thereof are recognized as urgent
- 22 problems and the proper objectives of highway legislation.
- 23 (3) Adequate highways provide for the free flow of traffic, result
- 24 in low cost of motor vehicle operation, protect the health and safety of
- 25 the citizens of the state, increase property values, and generally
- 26 promote economic and social progress of the state.
- 27 <u>(4) It is the intent of the Legislature to consider of paramount</u>
- 28 importance the convenience and safety of the traveling public in the
- 29 location, relocation, or abandonment of highways.
- 30 <u>(5)</u> In designating the highway system of this state, as provided by
- 31 sections 39-1301 to 39-1362 and 39-1393, the Legislature places a high

- 1 degree of trust in the hands of those officials whose duty it shall be,
- 2 within the limits of available funds, to plan, develop, construct,
- 3 operate, maintain, and protect the highway facilities of this state, for
- 4 present as well as for future uses.
- 5 (6) The design, construction, maintenance, operation, and protection
- 6 of adequate state highway facilities sufficient to meet the present
- 7 demands as well as future requirements will, of necessity, require
- 8 careful organization, with lines of authority definitely fixed, and basic
- 9 rules of procedure established by the Legislature.
- 10 (7) To this end, it is the intent of the Legislature, subject to the
- 11 limitations of the Constitution and such mandates as the Legislature may
- 12 impose by the provisions of such sections, to designate the <u>Director of</u>
- 13 <u>Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer and the department, acting under
- 14 the direction of the director Director-State Engineer, as direct
- 15 custodian of the state highway system, with full authority in all
- 16 departmental administrative details, in all matters of engineering
- 17 design, and in all matters having to do with the construction,
- 18 maintenance, operation, and protection of the state highway system.
- 19 <u>(8)</u> The Legislature intends to declare, in general terms, the powers
- 20 and duties of the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer,
- 21 leaving specific details to be determined by reasonable rules and
- 22 regulations which may be promulgated by him or her. It is the intent of
- 23 the Legislature to grant authority to the director Director-State
- 24 Engineer to exercise sufficient power and authority to enable him or her
- 25 and the department to carry out the broad objectives stated in this
- 26 section.
- 27 <u>(9) While</u> it is necessary to fix responsibilities for the
- 28 construction, maintenance, and operation of the several systems of
- 29 highways, it is intended that the State of Nebraska shall have an
- 30 integrated system of all roads and streets to provide safe and efficient
- 31 highway transportation throughout the state. The authority granted in

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- 1 sections 39-1301 to 39-1362 and 39-1393 to the <u>Director of Transportation</u>
- 2 Director-State Engineer and to the political or governmental subdivisions
- 3 or public corporations of this state to assist and cooperate with each
- 4 other is therefor essential.
- 5 <u>(10)</u> The Legislature hereby determines and declares that such
- 6 sections are necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
- 7 and safety, for promotion of the general welfare, and as a contribution
- 8 to the national defense.
- 9 Sec. 15. Section 39-1309.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 10 is amended to read:
- 11 39-1309.01 (1) The <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State</u>
- 12 Engineer may waive the consideration of factors pursuant to section
- 13 39-1309 before a county road used as a temporary detour for the state
- 14 highway system is designated as part of such state highway system. The
- 15 director may designate a county road as part of the state highway system
- over which the department shall have responsibility, as soon as such road
- 17 is deemed a temporary detour for the state highway system.
- 18 <u>(2)</u> If such county road remains a detour road for the state highway
- 19 system one year after it was initially designated a detour road, the
- 20 <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer shall consider the
- 21 factors in section 39-1309 to determine whether such road shall continue
- 22 as part of the state highway system. Upon a determination by the director
- 23 that such road shall no longer be part of the state highway system, the
- 24 director shall provide notice of such fact to the county board or the
- 25 county's governing body having primary authority for such road.
- Sec. 16. Section 39-1311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 27 2020, is amended to read:
- 28 39-1311 (1) The department at all times shall maintain a current map
- 29 of the state, which shall show all the roads, highways, and connecting
- 30 links which have been designated, located, created, or constituted as
- 31 part of the state highway system, including all corridors. All changes in

- 1 designation or location of highways constituting the state highway 2 system, or additions thereto, shall be indicated upon the map. The 3 department shall also maintain six separate and additional maps. These 4 maps shall include (a) the roads, highways, and streets designated as federal-aid primary roads as of March 27, 1972, (b) the National System 5 of Interstate and Defense Highways, (c) the roads designated as the 6 federal-aid primary system as it existed on June 1, 1991, (d) the 7 National Highway System, (e) the Highway Beautification Control System as 8 9 defined in section 39-201.01, and (f) scenic byways as defined in section 39-201.01. The National Highway System is the system designated as such 10 under the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. The 11 maps shall be available at all times for public inspection at the offices 12 of the <u>Director of Transportation Director-State Engineer</u> and shall be 13 filed with the Legislature of the State of Nebraska each biennium. 14
- (2) Whenever the department has received a corridor location 15 16 approval for a proposed state highway or proposed beltway to be located 17 in any county or municipality, it shall prepare a map of such corridor sufficient to show the location of such corridor on each parcel of land 18 19 to be traversed. If the county or municipality in which such corridor is located does not have a requirement for the review and approval of a 20 preliminary subdivision plat or a requirement that a building permit be 21 obtained prior to commencement of a structure, the department shall send 22 23 notice of the approval of such corridor by certified mail to the owner of 24 each parcel traversed by the corridor at the address shown for such owner on the county tax records. Such notice shall advise the owner of the 25 requirement of sections 39-1311 to 39-1311.05 for preliminary subdivision 26 plats and for building permits. 27
- (3) For any beltway proposed under sections 39-1311 to 39-1311.05, the duties of the department shall be assumed by the county or municipality that received approval for the beltway project.
- 31 Sec. 17. Section 39-1314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 1 2020, is amended to read:
- 2 39-1314 (1) No fragment or section of a route nor any route on the
- 3 state highway system shall be abandoned without first offering to
- 4 relinquish such fragment, section, or route to the political or
- 5 governmental subdivisions or public corporations wherein any portion of
- 6 the state highway system is to be abandoned.
- 7 (2) The department shall offer to relinquish such fragment, section,
- 8 or route by written notification to such political or governmental
- 9 subdivisions or public corporations of the department's offer to
- 10 relinquish.
- 11 (3) Four months after sending the notice of offer to relinguish, the
- 12 department may proceed to abandon such fragment, section, or route on the
- 13 state highway system unless a petition from a notified political or
- 14 governmental subdivision or public corporation has been filed with the
- 15 department, prior to abandonment, setting forth that the political or
- 16 governmental subdivision or public corporation desires to maintain such
- 17 fragment, section, route, or portion thereof.
- 18 (4) After the filing of such petition, the department and political
- 19 or governmental subdivision or public corporation may negotiate the terms
- 20 or conditions of any relinquishment, including any reservation of rights
- 21 by either party, except that any rights and conditions asserted by the
- 22 department as existing at the time of right-of-way acquisition or
- 23 stipulated to as a requirement for federal funding of project development
- 24 and construction shall not be negotiable.
- 25 (5) The petition and a written memorandum of understanding executed
- 26 by the department and the political or governmental subdivision or public
- 27 corporation, together with a written instrument describing the proposed
- 28 relinquishment, shall be filed as a public record in the department.
- 29 <u>(6)</u> The memorandum of understanding shall detail the reservation of
- 30 rights made by either party, including any restrictions upon any future
- 31 use of the fragment, section, or route to be relinquished, and shall also

- 1 state the right of the political or governmental subdivision or public
- 2 corporation to petition the department to seek renegotiation of the terms
- 3 and conditions of the relinquishment at a future date.
- 4 (7) Such written instrument shall bear the department seal and shall
- 5 be dated and subscribed by the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State</u>
- 6 Engineer and state the terms or conditions, if any pursuant to the
- 7 memorandum of understanding, upon which the relinquishment shall be
- 8 qualified.
- 9 (8) Such written instrument shall be certified by the department and
- 10 be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where
- 11 the portion of the state highway system is being relinquished. No fee
- 12 shall be charged for such recording.
- 13 (9) After such recording, the fragment, section, route, or portion
- 14 relinquished will be the responsibility of such political or governmental
- 15 subdivision or public corporation, subject to any mutually agreed terms
- 16 or conditions.
- 17 (10) At any time after the relinquishment, the political or
- 18 governmental subdivision or public corporation may, upon a showing of a
- 19 change in financial or other circumstances or for economic development
- 20 purposes, petition the department to renegotiate the agreed terms or
- 21 conditions of the relinquishment or revert to abandonment.
- 22 (11) If the department agrees to new terms or conditions, it shall
- 23 file an amended memorandum of understanding executed by the department
- 24 and the political or governmental subdivision or public corporation and
- 25 certify and record an amended written instrument with the register of
- 26 deeds.
- 27 Sec. 18. Section 39-1315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 28 amended to read:
- 29 39-1315 Before any fragment, section, or route on the state highway
- 30 system shall be abandoned, the department shall place upon public record
- 31 in the department a written instrument describing the proposed

- 1 abandonment. Such written instrument shall bear the department seal and
- 2 shall be dated and subscribed by the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-
- 3 State Engineer and state upon what conditions, if any, the abandonment
- 4 shall be qualified and particularly whether or not the title or right-of-
- 5 way to any abandoned fragment or section shall be sold, revert to private
- 6 ownership, or remain in the public. Such written instrument shall be
- 7 certified by the department and be recorded in the office of the register
- 8 of deeds of each county wherein any portion of the state highway system
- 9 is being abandoned. No fee shall be charged for such recording. On such
- 10 recording, the abandonment is complete.
- 11 Sec. 19. Section 39-1323.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2020, is amended to read:
- 13 39-1323.01 The Nebraska Department of Transportation, subject to the
- 14 approval of the Governor, and the United States Department of
- 15 Transportation if such department has a financial interest, is authorized
- 16 to lease, rent, or permit for use, any area, or land and the buildings
- 17 thereon, which area or land was acquired for highway purposes. The
- 18 <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u>, for the Nebraska
- 19 Department of Transportation, and in the name of the State of Nebraska,
- 20 may execute all leases, permits, and other instruments necessary to
- 21 accomplish the foregoing. Such instruments may contain any conditions,
- 22 covenants, exceptions, and reservations which the department deems to be
- 23 in the public interest, including, but not limited to, the provision that
- 24 upon notice that such property is needed for highway purposes the use and
- 25 occupancy thereof shall cease. If so leased, rented, or permitted to be
- 26 used by a municipality, the property may be used for such governmental or
- 27 proprietary purpose as the governing body of the municipality shall
- 28 determine, and such governing body may let the property to bid by private
- 29 operators for proprietary uses. All money received as rent shall be
- 30 deposited in the state treasury and by the State Treasurer placed in the
- 31 Highway Cash Fund, subject to reimbursement, if requested, to the United

- 1 States Department of Transportation for its proportionate financial
- 2 contribution.
- 3 Sec. 20. Section 39-1326, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 39-1326 The <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer, for
- 6 the department, and in the name of the State of Nebraska, may execute,
- 7 acknowledge, seal, and deliver all deeds, bills of sale, and other
- 8 instruments necessary and proper to carry out the sale and exchange of
- 9 real property. Such deeds, bills of sale, and other instruments shall
- 10 have affixed thereto the seal of the department. The deeds, bills of
- 11 sale, and other instruments may contain any conditions, covenants,
- 12 exceptions, and reservations which the department deems are in the public
- 13 interest or may convey title in fee simple absolute. All money received
- 14 from the sale of such property shall be deposited in the state treasury
- 15 and credited to the Highway Cash Fund.
- 16 Sec. 21. Section 39-1334, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 17 amended to read:
- 18 39-1334 The <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u>, for
- 19 the department and in the name of the State of Nebraska, may prosecute to
- 20 final determination any action, suit, or proceeding which in the
- 21 <u>director's</u> his judgment is necessary for the preservation of public
- 22 safety, the promotion of the general welfare, and to carry out the
- 23 provisions of sections 39-1327 to 39-1336. In addition to any other
- 24 available remedies, the <u>director</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> may secure an
- 25 injunction or mandamus (1) to prevent any owner or occupier of property
- 26 from constructing, using, or permitting to be used a private entrance or
- 27 exit, approach road, facility, thing, or appurtenance upon or connected
- 28 to a highway right-of-way without a written permit from the department
- 29 when a permit is required, (2) to enforce compliance with the conditions
- 30 of a permit issued by the department to a person for such construction,
- 31 use, or right to permit such use, and (3) to enforce compliance with the

1 rules and regulations regarding such construction and uses prescribed by

- 2 the department.
- 3 Sec. 22. Section 39-1349, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2020, is amended to read:
- 5 39-1349 (1) Except as provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this
- 6 section, all contracts for the construction, reconstruction, improvement,
- 7 maintenance, or repair of state highway system roads and bridges and
- 8 their appurtenances shall be let by the department to the lowest
- 9 responsible bidder. Bidders on such contracts must be prequalified to bid
- 10 by the department except as provided in subsection (2) of section
- 11 39-1351. The department may reject any or all bids and cause the work to
- 12 be done as may be directed by the department.
- 13 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, if the
- 14 contractor has furnished the department all required records and reports,
- 15 the department shall pay to the contractor interest at a rate three
- 16 percentage points above the average annual Federal Reserve composite
- 17 prime lending rate for the previous calendar year rounded to the nearest
- 18 one-tenth of one percent on the amount retained and on the final payment
- 19 due the contractor beginning sixty days after the work under the contract
- 20 has been completed as evidenced by the completion date established in the
- 21 department's letter of tentative acceptance or, when tentative acceptance
- 22 has not been issued, beginning sixty days after completion of the work
- 23 and running until the date when payment is tendered to the contractor.
- 24 (3) Subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to contracts
- 25 which provide for payment pursuant to a set schedule over a period of
- 26 time that extends beyond the completion of construction.
- 27 (4) When the department is required by acts of Congress and rules
- 28 and regulations made by an agent of the United States in pursuance of
- 29 such acts to predetermine minimum wages to be paid laborers and mechanics
- 30 employed on highway construction, the Director of Transportation
- 31 Director-State Engineer shall cause minimum rates of wages for such

- 1 laborers and mechanics to be predetermined and set forth in contracts for
- 2 such construction. The minimum rates shall be the scale of wages which
- 3 the <u>director</u> Director-State Engineer finds are paid and maintained by at
- 4 least fifty percent of the contractors in performing highway work
- 5 contracted with the department unless the director Director State
- 6 Engineer further finds that such scale of wages so determined would
- 7 unnecessarily increase the cost of such highway work to the state, in
- 8 which event he or she shall reduce such determination to such scale of
- 9 wages as he or she finds is required to avoid such unnecessary increase
- 10 in the cost of such highway work.
- 11 (5) The department, in its sole discretion, may permit a city or
- 12 county to let state or federally funded contracts for the construction,
- 13 reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of state highways,
- 14 bridges, and their appurtenances located within the jurisdictional
- 15 boundaries of such city or county, to the lowest responsible bidder when
- 16 the work to be let is primarily local in nature and the department
- 17 determines that it is in the public interest that the contract be let by
- 18 the city or the county. Bidders on such contracts must be prequalified to
- 19 bid by the department except as provided in subsection (2) of section
- 20 39-1351.
- 21 (6) The department, in its sole discretion, may permit a federal
- 22 agency to let contracts for the construction, reconstruction,
- 23 improvement, maintenance, or repair of state highways, bridges, and their
- 24 appurtenances and may permit such federal agency to perform any and all
- 25 other aspects of the project to which such contract relates, including,
- 26 but not limited to, preliminary engineering, environmental clearance,
- 27 final design, and construction engineering, when the department
- 28 determines that it is in the public interest to do so. Bidders on such
- 29 contracts must be prequalified to bid by the department except as
- 30 provided in subsection (2) of section 39-1351.
- 31 Sec. 23. Section 39-1361, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 39-1361 No person, firm, or corporation may dig up, cross, or otherwise use any portion of the state highway system for laying or 3 4 relaying pipelines, ditches, flumes, pipes, sewers, railways, or any 5 other similar purpose without obtaining a written permit from the department and agreeing to comply with such reasonable regulations as the 6 7 department shall prescribe. Such regulations may include provisions relevant to an existing portion of the state highway system and also may 8 9 contemplate future or contingent problems by providing protection to the department from expense or damage arising in the reconstruction or 10 relocation of a portion of the state highway system when such expense or 11 damage would not have existed but for the activity authorized by the 12 13 permit. No person, firm, or corporation shall construct or install any 14 new pole line, any underground conduit, or any buried cable or erect any new guy wires upon any portion of the state highway right-of-way without 15 16 obtaining a written consent or permit from the department. The department 17 shall grant such written consent or permits to do any of the things mentioned in this section if the installation of such thing does not 18 19 interfere with, or cause unreasonable hazards to, the use of the rightof-way for highway purposes. The person, firm, or corporation to whom, or 20 in whose behalf, the permit is given shall pay the cost of placing the 21 highway in as good condition as it was prior to being dug up, crossed, or 22 23 used and shall, upon the request of the department, furnish the state 24 with a cash deposit or certified check upon a solvent bank, or a surety 25 bond in a guaranty company qualified to do business in Nebraska. The deposit, check, or bond shall be in the amount required by the department 26 and shall be furnished on condition that the sum be forfeited to the 27 28 state in the event that the conditions of the permit or regulations of the department are breached. A written permit to do any of the things 29 mentioned in this section shall not be required for emergency maintenance 30 or emergency repair work on existing facilities, but in such cases oral 31

- 1 consent shall be secured from the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-
- 2 State Engineer or the director's his authorized representative as soon as
- 3 the exigencies of the situation allow.
- 4 Sec. 24. Section 39-1390, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 5 2020, is amended to read:
- 39-1390 The State Recreation Road Fund is created. The money in the 6 7 fund shall be transferred by the State Treasurer, on the first day of each month, to the department and shall be expended by the Director of 8 9 Transportation Director-State Engineer with the approval of the Governor 10 for construction and maintenance of dustless-surface roads to designated as state recreation roads as provided in this section, except 11 that (1) transfers may be made from the fund to the State Park Cash 12 13 Revolving Fund at the direction of the Legislature through July 31, 2016, and (2) if the balance in the State Recreation Road Fund exceeds fourteen 14 15 million dollars on the first day of each month, the State Treasurer shall transfer the amount greater than fourteen million dollars to the Game and 16 17 Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund. Except as to roads under contract as of March 15, 1972, those roads, excluding state 18 19 highways, giving direct and immediate access to or located within state parks, state recreation areas, or other recreational or historical areas, 20 shall be eligible for designation as state recreation roads. Such 21 22 eligibility shall be determined by the Game and Parks Commission and certified to the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer, who 23 24 shall, after receiving such certification, be authorized to commence 25 construction on such recreation roads as funds are available. addition, those roads, excluding state highways, giving direct and 26 27 immediate access to a state veteran cemetery are state recreation roads. 28 After construction of such roads they shall be shown on the map provided by section 39-1311. Preference in construction shall be based on existing 29 or potential traffic use by other than local residents. Unless the State 30 Highway Commission otherwise recommends, such roads upon completion of 31

- 1 construction shall be incorporated into the state highway system. If such
- 2 a road is not incorporated into the state highway system, the department
- 3 and the county within which such road is located shall enter into a
- 4 maintenance agreement establishing the responsibility for maintenance of
- 5 the road, the maintenance standards to be met, and the responsibility for
- 6 maintenance costs. Any money in the State Recreation Road Fund available
- 7 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
- 8 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 9 Investment Act.
- 10 Sec. 25. Section 39-2106, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 39-2106 (1) To assist in developing the functional classification
- 13 system, there is hereby established the Board of Public Roads
- 14 Classifications and Standards which shall consist of eleven members to be
- 15 appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature.
- 16 (2) Of the members of such board:
- 17 (a) Two shall be representatives of the Department of
- 18 Transportation;
- 19 (b) Three shall be representatives of the counties. One of such
- 20 members shall be a county highway superintendent licensed pursuant to the
- 21 County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act and two of such
- 22 members shall be county board members;
- 23 (c) Three shall be representatives of the municipalities. Each of
- 24 such members shall be a city engineer, village engineer, public works
- 25 director, city manager, city administrator, street commissioner, or city
- 26 street superintendent licensed pursuant to the County Highway and City
- 27 Street Superintendents Act; and
- 28 (d) Three shall be lay citizens, with one representing each of the
- 29 three congressional districts of the state.
- 30 (3) The county members on the board shall represent the various
- 31 classes of counties, as defined in section 23-1114.01, in the following

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- 1 manner:
- 2 (a) One shall be a representative from either a Class 1 or Class 2
- 3 county;
- 4 (b) One shall be a representative from either a Class 3 or Class 4
- 5 county; and
- 6 (c) One shall be a representative from either a Class 5, Class 6, or
- 7 Class 7 county.
- 8 (4) The municipal members of the board shall represent
- 9 municipalities of the following sizes by population, as determined by the
- 10 most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
- 11 count by the United States Bureau of the Census:
- 12 (a) One shall be a representative from a municipality of less than
- 13 two thousand five hundred inhabitants;
- 14 (b) One shall be a representative from a municipality of two
- 15 thousand five hundred to fifty thousand inhabitants; and
- 16 (c) One shall be a representative from a municipality of over fifty
- 17 thousand inhabitants.
- 18 (5) In making such appointments, the Governor shall consult with the
- 19 <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer and with the
- 20 appropriate county and municipal officials and may consult with
- 21 organizations representing such officials or representing counties or
- 22 municipalities as may be appropriate.
- 23 (6) At the expiration of the existing term, one member from the
- 24 county representatives, the municipal representatives, and the lay
- 25 citizens shall be appointed for a term of two years; and two members from
- 26 the county representatives, the municipal representatives, and the lay
- 27 citizens shall be appointed for terms of four years. One representative
- 28 from the department shall be appointed for a two-year term and the other
- 29 representative shall be appointed for a four-year term. Thereafter, all
- 30 such appointments shall be for terms of four years each.
- 31 (7) Members of such board shall receive no compensation for their

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- 1 services as such, except that the lay members shall receive the same
- 2 compensation as members of the State Highway Commission, and all members
- 3 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their
- 4 official duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. All expenses
- 5 of such board shall be paid by the department.
- 6 Sec. 26. Section 39-2109, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 7 2020, is amended to read:
- 8 39-2109 The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
- 9 shall develop and adopt the specific criteria for each functional
- 10 classification set forth in sections 39-2103 and 39-2104, which criteria
- 11 shall be consistent with the general criteria set forth in those
- 12 sections. No such criteria shall be adopted until after public hearings
- 13 have been held thereon at such times and places as to assure interested
- 14 parties throughout the state an opportunity to be heard thereon.
- 15 Following their adoption, the board shall provide an electronic copy of
- 16 such criteria to the Secretary of State and the Clerk of the Legislature.
- 17 The board shall also provide an electronic notification of such criteria
- 18 to the appropriate representative of each county and each incorporated
- 19 municipality and to the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State</u>
- 20 Engineer.
- 21 Sec. 27. Section 39-2120, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2020, is amended to read:
- 23 39-2120 (1) The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
- 24 shall develop and schedule for implementation a certification form for
- 25 annual filing pursuant to section 39-2121 by the Department of
- 26 Transportation and each county and municipality. The certification form
- 27 shall include:
- 28 (a) (1) A statement from the department and each county or
- 29 municipality that it has developed, adopted, and included in its public
- 30 records the plans, programs, or standards required by sections 39-2115 to
- 31 39-2119;

- 1 (b) (2) A statement that the department and each county or
- 2 municipality:
- 3 $\underline{\text{(i)}}$ (a) Meets the plans, programs, or standards of design,
- 4 construction, and maintenance for its highways, roads, or streets;
- 5 (ii) (b) Expends all tax revenue for highway, road, or street
- 6 purposes in accordance with approved plans, programs, or standards,
- 7 including county and municipal tax revenue as well as highway-user
- 8 revenue allocations;
- 9 (iii) (c) Uses a system of revenue and cost accounting which clearly
- 10 includes a comparison of receipts and expenditures for approved budgets,
- 11 plans, programs, and standards;
- 12 $\underline{\text{(iv)}}$ (d) Uses a system of budgeting which reflects uses and sources
- of funds in terms of plans, programs, or standards and accomplishments;
- 14 $\underline{(v)}$ (e) Uses an accounting system including an inventory of
- 15 machinery, equipment, and supplies; and
- 16 $\underline{\text{(vi)}}$ (f) Uses an accounting system that tracks equipment operation
- 17 costs; and
- 18 $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ (3) The information required under subsection (2) of section
- 19 39-2510 or subsection (2) of section 39-2520, when applicable.
- 20 <u>(2)</u> The certification by the department shall be signed by the
- 21 <u>Director of Transportation Director-State Engineer</u>. The certification by
- 22 each county and municipality shall be signed by the board chairperson or
- 23 mayor and shall include a copy of the resolution or ordinance of the
- 24 governing body of the county or municipality authorizing the signing of
- 25 the certification form.
- 26 Sec. 28. Section 39-2803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 39-2803 (1) The Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund is created.
- 29 The fund shall be administered by the department and shall be used for
- 30 purposes of sections 39-2803 to 39-2807. Any money in the fund available
- 31 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant

- 1 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 2 Investment Act. Investment earnings from investment of money in the fund
- 3 shall be credited to the fund.
- 4 (2) The Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund shall consist of
- 5 money transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund pursuant to section 84-612
- 6 and any other money as determined by the Legislature.
- 7 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that additional fuel tax
- 8 revenue generated by Laws 2015, LB610, shall be transferred from the
- 9 Roads Operations Cash Fund to the Transportation Infrastructure Bank
- 10 Fund. Transfers shall be initiated each fiscal year by the State
- 11 Treasurer following certification of revenue receipts by the <u>Director of</u>
- 12 <u>Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> from July 1, 2016, through June
- 13 2033. Transferred funds shall be used for purposes of sections 39-2803 to
- 14 39-2807.
- 15 Sec. 29. Section 49-617, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 49-617 The Revisor of Statutes shall cause the statutes to be
- 18 printed. The printer shall deliver all completed copies to the Supreme
- 19 Court. These copies shall be held and disposed of by the court as
- 20 follows: Sixty copies to the State Library to exchange for statutes of
- 21 other states; five copies to the State Library to keep for daily use; not
- 22 to exceed twenty-five copies to the Legislative Council for bill drafting
- 23 and related services to the Legislature and executive state officers; as
- 24 many copies to the Attorney General as he or she has attorneys on his or
- 25 her staff; as many copies to the Commission on Public Advocacy as it has
- 26 attorneys on its staff; up to sixteen copies to the State Court
- 27 Administrator; thirteen copies to the Tax Commissioner; eight copies to
- 28 the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse; six copies to the Public Service
- 29 Commission; four copies to the Secretary of State; three copies to the
- 30 Tax Equalization and Review Commission; four copies to the Clerk of the
- 31 Legislature for use in his or her office and three copies to be

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

- separate juvenile court, the Lieutenant Governor, each United States 1 2 Senator from Nebraska, each United States Representative from Nebraska, each clerk of the district court for the use of the district court, the 3 4 clerk of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, each clerk of the county court, each county attorney, each county public defender, each 5 county law library, and the inmate library at all state penal and 6 correctional institutions, and each member of the Legislature shall be 7 entitled to two complete sets, and two complete sets of such volumes as 8 9 are necessary to update previously issued volumes, but each member of the 10 Legislature and each judge of any court referred to in this section shall be entitled, on request, to an additional complete set. Copies of the 11 statutes distributed without charge, as listed in this section, shall be 12 13 the property of the state or governmental subdivision of the state and not the personal property of the particular person receiving a copy. 14 Distribution of statutes to the library of the College of Law of the 15 University of Nebraska shall be as provided in sections 85-176 and 16 17 85-177.
- Sec. 30. Section 60-6,103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-6,103 Any surviving driver or pedestrian sixteen years of age or 20 older who is involved in a motor vehicle accident in which a person is 21 killed shall be requested, if he or she has not otherwise been directed 22 by a peace officer to submit to a chemical test under section 60-6,197, 23 24 to submit to a chemical test of blood, urine, or breath as the peace 25 officer directs for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or drugs in his or her body fluid. The results of such test shall be 26 reported in writing to the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State</u> 27 28 Engineer who shall tabulate such results on a monthly basis. Such information, including the identity of such driver or pedestrian and any 29 such amount of alcohol or drugs, shall be public information and may be 30 released or disclosed as provided by the Department of Transportation. 31

- 1 The provisions of sections 60-6,199, 60-6,200, and 60-6,202 shall, when
- 2 applicable, apply to the tests provided for in this section.
- 3 Sec. 31. Section 60-6,167, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 60-6,167 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any
- 6 vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway where parking is
- 7 permitted shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels
- 8 parallel to and within twelve inches of the right-hand curb or edge of
- 9 such roadway. No vehicle shall be parked upon a roadway when there is a
- 10 shoulder adjacent to the roadway which is available for parking.
- 11 (2) Except when otherwise provided by a local authority, every
- 12 vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped or
- 13 parked parallel to the curb or edge of such roadway, in the direction of
- 14 authorized traffic movement, with its right-hand wheels within twelve
- inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway or its left-hand
- 16 wheels within twelve inches of the left-hand curb or edge of such
- 17 roadway.
- 18 (3) A local authority may permit angle or center parking on any
- 19 roadway, except that angle or center parking shall not be permitted on
- 20 any federal-aid highway or on any part of the state highway system unless
- 21 the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> has determined
- 22 that such roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle or center
- 23 parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.
- 24 (4) The Department of Transportation or a local authority may
- 25 prohibit or restrict stopping, standing, or parking on highways under its
- 26 respective jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of any city or
- 27 village and erect and maintain proper and adequate signs thereon. No
- 28 person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in violation of the
- 29 restrictions stated on such signs.
- 30 Sec. 32. Section 60-6,188, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 31 amended to read:

- 1 60-6,188 (1) The maximum speed limit through any maintenance,
- 2 repair, or construction zone on the state highway system shall be thirty-
- 3 five miles per hour in rural areas and twenty-five miles per hour in
- 4 urban areas.
- 5 (2) Such speed limits shall take effect only after appropriate signs
- 6 giving notice of the speed limit are erected or displayed in a
- 7 conspicuous place in advance of the area where the maintenance, repair,
- 8 or construction activity is or will be taking place. Such signs shall
- 9 conform to the manual and shall be regulatory signs imposing a legal
- 10 obligation and restriction on all traffic proceeding into the
- 11 maintenance, construction, or repair zone. The signs may be displayed
- 12 upon a fixed, variable, or movable stand. While maintenance,
- 13 construction, or repair is being performed, the signs may be mounted upon
- 14 moving Department of Transportation vehicles displaying such signs well
- in advance of the maintenance zone.
- 16 (3) The <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> may
- 17 increase the speed limit through any highway maintenance, repair, or
- 18 construction zone in increments of five miles per hour if the speed set
- 19 does not exceed the maximum speed limits established in sections
- 20 60-6,186, 60-6,187, 60-6,189, 60-6,190, 60-6,305, and 60-6,313. The
- 21 <u>director</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> may delegate the authority to raise
- 22 speed limits through any maintenance, repair, or construction zone to any
- 23 department employee in a supervisory capacity or may delegate such
- 24 authority to a county, municipal, or local engineer who has the duty to
- 25 maintain the state highway system in such jurisdiction if the maintenance
- 26 is performed on behalf of the department by contract with the local
- 27 authority. Such increased speed limit through a maintenance, repair, or
- 28 construction zone shall be effective when the <u>director Director-State</u>
- 29 Engineer or any officer to whom authority has been delegated gives a
- 30 written order for such increase and signs posting such speed limit are
- 31 erected or displayed.

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- 1 (4) The Department of Transportation shall post signs in 2 maintenance, repair, or construction zones which inform motorists that 3 the fine for exceeding the posted speed limit in such zones is doubled.
- Sec. 33. Section 60-6,190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-6,190 (1) Whenever the Department of Transportation determines, 6 upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that any 7 maximum speed limit is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under 8 9 the conditions found to exist at any intersection, place, or part of the state highway system outside of the corporate limits of cities and 10 villages as well as inside the corporate limits of cities and villages on 11 freeways which are part of the state highway system, it may determine and 12 13 set a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for such intersection, place, or part of such highway which shall be the lawful speed limit when 14 appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection, 15 16 place, or part of the highway, except that the maximum rural and freeway 17 limits shall not be exceeded. Such a maximum speed limit may be set to be effective at all times or at such times as are indicated upon such signs. 18
- 19 (2) The speed limits set by the department shall not be a regulation, or order subject to the statutory 20 departmental rule, procedures for such rules, regulations, or orders but shall be an 21 authorization over the signature of the <u>Director of Transportation</u> 22 23 Director-State Engineer and shall be maintained on permanent file at the 24 headquarters of the department. Certified copies of such authorizations 25 shall be available from the department at a reasonable cost for duplication. Any change to such an authorization shall be made by a new 26 authorization which cancels the previous authorization and establishes 27 28 the new limit, but the new limit shall not become effective until signs showing the new limit are erected as provided in subsection (1) of this 29 section. 30
 - (3) On county highways which are not part of the state highway

- 1 system or within the limits of any state institution or any area under
- 2 control of the Game and Parks Commission or a natural resources district
- 3 and which are outside of the corporate limits of cities and villages,
- 4 county boards shall have the same power and duty to alter the maximum
- 5 speed limits as the department if the change is based on an engineering
- 6 and traffic investigation comparable to that made by the department. The
- 7 limit outside of a business or residential district shall not be
- 8 decreased to less than thirty-five miles per hour.
- 9 (4) On all highways within their corporate limits, except on state-
- 10 maintained freeways which are part of the state highway system,
- 11 incorporated cities and villages shall have the same power and duty to
- 12 alter the maximum speed limits as the department if the change is based
- 13 on engineering and traffic investigation, except that no imposition of
- 14 speed limits on highways which are part of the state highway system in
- 15 cities and villages under forty thousand inhabitants as determined by the
- 16 most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
- 17 count by the United States Bureau of the Census shall be effective
- 18 without the approval of the department.
- 19 (5) The director of any state institution, the Game and Parks
- 20 Commission, or a natural resources district, with regard to highways
- 21 which are not a part of the state highway system, which are within the
- 22 limits of such institution or area under Game and Parks Commission or
- 23 natural resources district control, and which are outside the limits of
- 24 any incorporated city or village, shall have the same power and duty to
- 25 alter the maximum speed limits as the department if the change is based
- 26 on an engineering and traffic investigation comparable to that made by
- 27 the department.
- 28 (6) Not more than six such speed limits shall be set per mile along
- 29 a highway, except in the case of reduced limits at intersections. The
- 30 difference between adjacent speed limits along a highway shall not be
- 31 reduced by more than twenty miles per hour, and there shall be no limit

- 1 on the difference between adjacent speed limits for increasing speed
- 2 limits along a highway.
- 3 (7) When the department or a local authority determines by an
- 4 investigation that certain vehicles in addition to those specified in
- 5 sections 60-6,187, 60-6,305, and 60-6,313 cannot with safety travel at
- 6 the speeds provided in sections 60-6,186, 60-6,187, 60-6,189, 60-6,305,
- 7 and 60-6,313 or set pursuant to this section or section 60-6,188 or
- 8 60-6,189, the department or local authority may restrict the speed limit
- 9 for such vehicles on highways under its respective jurisdiction and post
- 10 proper and adequate signs.
- 11 Sec. 34. Section 60-6,288, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 12 amended to read:
- 13 60-6,288 (1) No vehicle which exceeds a total outside width of one
- 14 hundred two inches, including any load but excluding designated safety
- 15 devices, shall be permitted on any portion of the National System of
- 16 Interstate and Defense Highways. The <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-
- 17 State Engineer shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations,
- 18 consistent with federal requirements, designating safety devices which
- 19 shall be excluded in determining vehicle width.
- 20 (2) No vehicle which exceeds a total outside width of one hundred
- 21 two inches, including any load but excluding designated safety devices,
- 22 shall be permitted on any highway which is not a portion of the National
- 23 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, except that such prohibition
- 24 shall not apply to:
- 25 (a) Farm equipment in temporary movement, during daylight hours or
- 26 during hours of darkness when the clearance light requirements of section
- 27 60-6,235 are fully complied with, in the normal course of farm
- 28 operations;
- 29 (b) Combines eighteen feet or less in width, while in the normal
- 30 course of farm operations and while being driven during daylight hours or
- 31 during hours of darkness when the clearance light requirements of section

- 1 60-6,235 are fully complied with;
- (c) Combines in excess of eighteen feet in width, while in the 2 normal course of farm operations, while being driven during daylight 3 hours for distances of twenty-five miles or less on highways and while 4 preceded by a well-lighted pilot vehicle or flagperson, except that such 5 combines may be driven on highways while in the normal course of farm 6 operations for distances of twenty-five miles or less and while preceded 7 by a well-lighted pilot vehicle or flagperson during hours of darkness 8 9 when the clearance light requirements of section 60-6,235 are fully complied with; 10
- (d) Combines and vehicles used in transporting combines or other 11 implements of husbandry, and only when transporting combines or other 12 13 implements of husbandry, to be engaged in harvesting or other agricultural work, while being transported into or through the state 14 during daylight hours, when the total width including the width of the 15 16 combine or other implement of husbandry being transported does not exceed fifteen feet, except that vehicles used in transporting combines or other 17 implements of husbandry may, when necessary to the harvesting operation 18 or other agricultural work, travel unloaded for distances not to exceed 19 twenty-five miles, while the combine or other implement of husbandry to 20 be transported is engaged in a harvesting operation or other agricultural 21 22 work;
- (e) Farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized under section 60-6,382 driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment, including portable livestock buildings not exceeding fourteen feet in width, or implements of husbandry during daylight hours;
- 27 (f) Livestock forage vehicles loaded or unloaded that comply with 28 subsection (2) of section 60-6,305;
- (g) During daylight hours only, vehicles en route to pick up,
 delivering, or returning unloaded from delivery of baled livestock forage
 which, including the load if any, may be twelve feet in width;

- 1 (h) Mobile homes or prefabricated livestock buildings not exceeding
- 2 sixteen feet in width and with an outside tire width dimension not
- 3 exceeding one hundred twenty inches moving during daylight hours;
- 4 (i) Self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed load
- 5 when:
- 6 (i) The self-propelled specialized mobile equipment will be
- 7 transported on a state highway, excluding any portion of the National
- 8 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, on a city street, or on a road
- 9 within the corporate limits of a city;
- 10 (ii) The city in which the self-propelled specialized mobile
- 11 equipment is intended to be transported has authorized a permit pursuant
- 12 to section 60-6,298 for the transportation of the self-propelled
- 13 specialized mobile equipment, specifying the route to be used and the
- 14 hours during which the self-propelled specialized mobile equipment can be
- 15 transported, except that no permit shall be issued by a city for travel
- 16 on a state highway containing a bridge or structure which is structurally
- 17 inadequate to carry the self-propelled specialized mobile equipment as
- 18 determined by the Department of Transportation;
- 19 (iii) The self-propelled specialized mobile equipment's gross weight
- 20 does not exceed ninety-four thousand pounds if the self-propelled
- 21 specialized mobile equipment has four axles or seventy-two thousand
- 22 pounds if the self-propelled specialized mobile equipment has three
- 23 axles; and
- 24 (iv) If the self-propelled specialized mobile equipment has four
- 25 axles, the maximum weight on each set of tandem axles does not exceed
- 26 forty-seven thousand pounds, or if the self-propelled specialized mobile
- 27 equipment has three axles, the maximum weight on the front axle does not
- 28 exceed twenty-five thousand pounds and the total maximum weight on the
- 29 rear tandem axles does not exceed forty-seven thousand pounds;
- 30 (j) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section
- 31 60-6,299; or

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- 1 (k) A motor home or travel trailer, as those terms are defined in 2 section 71-4603, which may exceed one hundred and two inches if such excess width is attributable to an appurtenance that extends no more than 3 4 six inches beyond the body of the vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision, the term appurtenance includes (i) an awning and its support 5 hardware and (ii) any appendage that is intended to be an integral part 6 7 of a motor home or travel trailer and that is installed by the manufacturer or dealer. The term appurtenance does not include any item 8 9 that is temporarily affixed or attached to the exterior of the motor home or travel trailer for purposes of transporting the vehicular unit from 10 one location to another. Appurtenances shall not be considered in 11 calculating the gross trailer area as defined in section 71-4603. 12
- (3) The <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u>, with respect to highways under his or her jurisdiction, may designate certain highways upon which vehicles of no more than ninety-six inches in width may be permitted to travel. Highways so designated shall be limited to one or more of the following:
 - (a) Highways with traffic lanes of ten feet or less;
- 19 (b) Highways upon which are located narrow bridges; and
- (c) Highways which because of sight distance, surfacing, unusual curves, topographic conditions, or other unusual circumstances would not in the opinion of the <u>director Director-State Engineer</u> safely accommodate vehicles of more than ninety-six inches in width.
- Sec. 35. Section 60-6,292, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 60-6,292 (1) The Department of Transportation may issue permits for the use of extra-long vehicle combinations. Such permits shall allow the extra-long vehicle combinations to operate only on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and only if such vehicles are empty and are being delivered for the manufacturer or retailer, except that a highway located not more than six miles from the National System of

- 1 Interstate and Defense Highways may also be designated in such permits if
- 2 it is determined by the Director of Transportation Director-State
- 3 Engineer that such designation is necessary for the permitholder to have
- 4 access to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. An
- 5 annual permit for such use may be issued to each qualified carrier
- 6 company or individual. The carrier company or individual shall maintain a
- 7 copy of such annual permit in each truck-tractor operating as a part of
- 8 an extra-long vehicle combination. The fee for such permit shall be two
- 9 hundred fifty dollars per year.
- 10 (2) The permit shall allow operation of the following extra-long
- 11 vehicle combinations of not more than three cargo units and not fewer
- 12 than six axles nor more than nine axles:
- 13 (a) A truck-tractor, a semitrailer, and two trailers having an
- 14 overall combination length of not more than one hundred five feet.
- 15 Semitrailers and trailers shall be of approximately equal lengths;
- 16 (b) A truck-tractor, semitrailer, and single trailer having an
- 17 overall length of not more than one hundred five feet. Semitrailers and
- 18 trailers shall be of approximately equal lengths; and
- 19 (c) A truck-tractor, semitrailer, or single trailer, one trailer of
- 20 which is not more than forty-eight feet long, the other trailer of which
- 21 is not more than twenty-eight feet long nor less than twenty-six feet
- 22 long, and the entire combination of which is not more than ninety-five
- 23 feet long. The shorter trailer shall be operated as the rear trailer.
- 24 For purposes of this subsection, a semitrailer used with a converter
- 25 dolly shall be considered a trailer.
- 26 (3) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 27 governing the issuance of the permits, including, but not limited to,
- 28 selection of carriers, driver qualifications, equipment selection, hours
- 29 of operations, weather conditions, road conditions, and safety
- 30 considerations.
- 31 (4) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class

- 1 IV misdemeanor.
- Sec. 36. Section 60-6,294, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 60-6,294 (1) Every vehicle, whether operated singly or in a
- 5 combination of vehicles, and every combination of vehicles shall comply
- 6 with subsections (2) and (3) of this section except as provided in
- 7 sections 60-6,294.01, 60-6,297, and 60-6,383. The limitations imposed by
- 8 this section shall be supplemental to all other provisions imposing
- 9 limitations upon the size and weight of vehicles.
- 10 (2) No wheel of a vehicle or trailer equipped with pneumatic or
- 11 solid rubber tires shall carry a gross load in excess of ten thousand
- 12 pounds on any highway nor shall any axle carry a gross load in excess of
- 13 twenty thousand pounds on any highway. An axle load shall be defined as
- 14 the total load transmitted to the highway by all wheels the centers of
- 15 which may be included between two parallel transverse vertical planes
- 16 forty inches apart extending across the full width of the vehicle.
- 17 (3) No group of two or more consecutive axles shall carry a load in
- 18 pounds in excess of the value given in the following table corresponding
- 19 to the distance in feet between the extreme axles of the group, measured
- 20 longitudinally to the nearest foot, except that the maximum load carried
- 21 on any group of two or more axles shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds
- 22 on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways unless the
- 23 Director of Transportation Director-State Engineer pursuant to section
- 24 60-6,295 authorizes a greater weight.
- 25 Distance in feet Maximum load in pounds carried
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15	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
16	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
17	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	
18	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	
19	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	
20	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	
21	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	
22	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
23	26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
24	27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
25	28		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
26	29		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
27	30		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
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9	42	70,000 74,000 79,000 84,500
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11	44	71,500 75,500 80,500 85,500
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13	46	72,500 76,500 81,500 87,000
14	47	73,500 77,500 82,000 87,500
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16	49	74,500 78,500 83,500 88,500
17	50	75,500 79,000 84,000 89,000
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19	52	76,500 80,500 85,000 90,500
20	53	77,500 81,000 86,000 91,000
21	54	78,000 81,500 86,500 91,500
22	55	78,500 82,500 87,000 92,000
23	56	79,500 83,000 87,500 92,500
24	57	80,000 83,500 88,000 93,000
25	58	84,000 89,000 94,000
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27	60	85,500 90,000 95,000
28	(4)	he distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest

(4) The distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest foot. When a fraction is exactly one-half foot, the next larger whole number shall be used, except that:

- 1 (a) Any group of three axles shall be restricted to a maximum load 2 of thirty-four thousand pounds unless the distance between the extremes
- 3 of the first and third axles is at least ninety-six inches in fact; and
- (b) The maximum gross load on any group of two axles, the distance between the extremes of which is more than eight feet but less than eight feet six inches, shall be thirty-eight thousand pounds.
- 7 (5) The limitations of subsections (2) through (4) of this section 8 shall apply as stated to all main, rural, and intercity highways but 9 shall not be construed as inhibiting heavier axle loads in metropolitan 10 areas, except on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, 11 if such loads are not prohibited by city ordinance.
- 12 (6) The weight limitations of wheel and axle loads as defined in 13 subsections (2) through (4) of this section shall be restricted to the 14 extent deemed necessary by the Department of Transportation for a 15 reasonable period when road subgrades or pavements are weak or are 16 materially weakened by climatic conditions.
- (7) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand pounds each when the overall distance between the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six, thirty-seven, or thirty-eight feet except as provided in section 60-6,297. Such vehicles shall be subject to section 60-6,301.
- (8) If any vehicle crosses a bridge with a total gross load in excess of the posted capacity of such bridge and as a result of such crossing any damage results to the bridge, the owner of such vehicle shall be responsible for all of such damage.
- (9) Vehicles equipped with a greater number of axles than provided in the table in subsection (3) of this section shall be legal if they do not exceed the maximum load upon any wheel or axle, the maximum load upon any group of two or more consecutive axles, and the total gross weight, or any of such weights as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

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section 60-6,298 are met.

- 1 (10) Subsections (1) through (9) of this section shall not apply to 2 a vehicle which has been issued a permit pursuant to section 60-6,299, 3 self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed load when the 4 requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section 60-6,288 are met, or an 5 emergency vehicle when the requirements of subdivision (1)(a)(v) of
- 7 (11) Any two consecutive axles the centers of which are more than
 8 forty inches and not more than ninety-six inches apart, measured to the
 9 nearest inch between any two adjacent axles in the series, shall be
 10 defined as tandem axles, and the gross weight transmitted to the road
 11 surface through such series shall not exceed thirty-four thousand pounds.
 12 No axle of the series shall exceed the maximum weight permitted under
 13 this section for a single axle.
- (12) Dummy axles shall be disregarded in determining the lawful weight of a vehicle or vehicle combination for operation on the highway.

 Dummy axle shall mean an axle attached to a vehicle or vehicle combination in a manner so that it does not articulate or substantially equalize the load and does not carry at least the lesser of eight thousand pounds or eight percent of the gross weight of the vehicle or vehicle combination.
- (13) The maximum gross weight limit and the axle weight limit for 21 any vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with idle reduction 22 23 technology may be increased by an amount necessary to compensate for the 24 additional weight of the idle reduction technology as provided in 23 25 U.S.C. 127(a)(12), as such section existed on October 1, 2012. The additional amount of weight allowed by this subsection shall not exceed 26 five hundred fifty pounds and shall not be construed to be in addition to 27 28 the five-percent-in-excess-of-maximum-load provision of subdivision (1) of section 60-6,301. 29
- 30 (14)(a) The maximum gross weight for any vehicle or combination of 31 vehicles (i) operated on the National System of Interstate and Defense

- 1 Highways, including adjoining portions of the state highway system for
- 2 reasonable access to terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs,
- 3 and rest, as designated by the Department of Transportation, and (ii)
- 4 powered (A) by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas or (B) primarily
- 5 by means of electric battery power, may exceed the gross weight
- 6 limitations provided in subsections (2), (3), (4), (7), (9), and (11) of
- 7 this section in an amount that:
- 8 (b)(i) Is up to a maximum of two thousand pounds; and
- 9 (ii) Does not exceed eighty-two thousand pounds.
- 10 (15) For purposes of this subsection, emergency vehicle means a
- 11 vehicle designed to be used under emergency conditions to transport
- 12 personnel and equipment and to support the suppression of fires and
- 13 mitigation of other hazardous situations. An emergency vehicle may exceed
- 14 the gross load limitations provided in subsections (2), (3), (4), (7),
- 15 (9), and (11) of this section on the National System of Interstate and
- 16 Defense Highways, including adjoining portions of the state highway
- 17 system for reasonable access to terminals and facilities for food, fuel,
- 18 repairs, and rest, as designated by the Department of Transportation, up
- 19 to a gross vehicle weight of eighty-six thousand pounds, and that does
- 20 not exceed:
- 21 (a) Twenty-four thousand pounds on a single steering axle;
- 22 (b) Thirty-three thousand five hundred pounds on a single drive
- 23 axle;
- (c) Sixty-two thousand pounds on a tandem axle; or
- (d) Fifty-two thousand pounds on a tandem rear drive steer axle.
- 26 Sec. 37. Section 60-6,295, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 60-6,295 Upon finding that no loss to the state of federal highway-
- 29 user funds would result therefrom, the Director of Transportation
- 30 Director-State Engineer may authorize the carrying on the National System
- 31 of Interstate and Defense Highways of the weights set forth in the table

- 1 of weights in section 60-6,294 or such part thereof as would result in no
- 2 loss to the state of such funds.
- 3 Sec. 38. Section 66-4,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 66-4,100 (1) The Highway Cash Fund and the Roads Operations Cash
- 6 Fund are hereby created. If bonds are issued pursuant to subsection (2)
- 7 of section 39-2223, the balance of the share of the Highway Trust Fund
- 8 allocated to the Department of Transportation and deposited into the
- 9 Highway Restoration and Improvement Bond Fund as provided in subsection
- 10 (6) of section 39-2215 and the balance of the money deposited in the
- 11 Highway Restoration and Improvement Bond Fund as provided in section
- 12 39-2215.01 shall be transferred by the State Treasurer, on or before the
- 13 last day of each month, to the Highway Cash Fund. If no bonds are issued
- 14 pursuant to subsection (2) of section 39-2223, the share of the Highway
- 15 Trust Fund allocated to the Department of Transportation shall be
- 16 transferred by the State Treasurer on or before the last day of each
- 17 month to the Highway Cash Fund.
- 18 (2) The Legislature may direct the State Treasurer to transfer funds
- 19 from the Highway Cash Fund to the Roads Operations Cash Fund. Both funds
- 20 shall be expended by the department (a) (1) for acquiring real estate,
- 21 road materials, equipment, and supplies to be used in the construction,
- 22 reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of state highways, (b) (2)
- 23 for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of
- 24 state highways, including grading, drainage, structures, surfacing,
- 25 roadside development, landscaping, and other incidentals necessary for
- 26 proper completion and protection of state highways as the department
- 27 shall, after investigation, find and determine shall be for the best
- 28 interests of the highway system of the state, either independent of or in
- 29 conjunction with federal-aid money for highway purposes, (c) (3) for the
- 30 share of the department of the cost of maintenance of state aid bridges,
- 31 (d) (4) for planning studies in conjunction with federal highway funds

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1 for the purpose of analyzing traffic problems and financial conditions 2 and problems relating to state, county, township, municipal, federal, and all other roads in the state and for incidental costs in connection with 3 4 the federal-aid grade crossing program for roads not on state highways, 5 (e) (5) for tests and research by the department or proportionate costs and research of highway organizations when 6 of membership, tests, 7 participated in by the highway departments of other states, (f) for the payment of expenses and costs of the Board of Examiners for County 8 9 Highway and City Street Superintendents as set forth in section 39-2310, 10 (g) for support of the public transportation assistance program established under section 13-1209 and the intercity bus system assistance 11 program established under section 13-1213, and (h) (8) for purchasing 12 13 from political or governmental subdivisions or public corporations, pursuant to section 39-1307, any federal-aid transportation funds 14 available to such entities. 15

(3) Any money in the Highway Cash Fund and the Roads Operations Cash Fund not needed for current operations of the department shall, as directed by the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> to the State Treasurer, be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act, subject to approval by the board of each investment. All income received as a result of such investment shall be placed in the Highway Cash Fund.

24 (4) Transfers may be made from the Roads Operations Cash Fund to the 25 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature through June 30, 2019. The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million five hundred thousand 26 dollars from the Roads Operations Cash Fund to the General Fund on or 27 28 before June 30, 2018, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative 29 Services. The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million five hundred 30 thousand dollars from the Roads Operations Cash Fund to the General Fund 31

- 1 on or after July 1, 2018, but on or before June 30, 2019, on such date as
- 2 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 3 Department of Administrative Services.
- 4 Sec. 39. Section 66-4,144, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 66-4,144 (1) In order to insure that an adequate balance in the 6 Highway Restoration and Improvement Bond Fund is maintained to meet the 7 debt service requirements of bonds to be issued by the commission under 8 9 subsection (2) of section 39-2223, the <u>Director of Transportation</u> 10 Director-State Engineer shall certify to the department the excise tax rate to be imposed by sections 66-4,140 and 66-6,108 for each year during 11 which such bonds are outstanding necessary to provide in each such year 12 13 money equal in amount to not less than one hundred twenty-five percent of such year's bond principal and interest payment requirements. 14 department shall adjust the rate as certified by the director Director-15 16 State Engineer. Such rate shall be in addition to the rate of excise tax 17 set pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. Each such rate shall be effective from July 1 of a stated year through June 30 of the succeeding 18 19 year or during such other period not longer than one year as the <u>director</u> Director-State Engineer certifies to be consistent with the principal and 20 interest requirements of such bonds. Such excise tax rates set pursuant 21 22 to this subsection may be increased, but such excise tax rates shall not be subject to reduction or elimination unless the director Director-State 23 Engineer has received from the State Highway Commission notice of reduced 24 25 principal and interest requirements for such bonds, in which event the director Director-State Engineer shall certify the new rate or rates to 26 the department. The new rate or rates, if any, shall become effective on 27 the first day of the following semiannual period. 28
- (2) In order to insure that there is maintained an adequate Highway

 Cash Fund balance to meet expenditures from such fund as appropriated by

 the Legislature, by June 15 or five days after the adjournment of the

1 regular legislative session each year, whichever is later, the <u>Director</u> 2 of Transportation Director-State Engineer shall certify to the department the excise tax rate to be imposed by sections 66-4,140 and 66-6,108. The 3 4 department shall adjust the rate as certified by the director Director-5 State Engineer to be effective from July 1 through June 30 of the succeeding year. The rate of excise tax for a given July 1 through June 6 7 30 period set pursuant to this subsection shall be in addition to and independent of the rate or rates of excise tax set pursuant to subsection 8 9 (1) of this section for such period. The <u>director</u> Director-State Engineer shall determine the cash and investment balances of the Highway Cash Fund 10 at the beginning of each fiscal year under consideration and the 11 estimated receipts to the Highway Cash Fund from each source which 12 provides at least one million dollars annually to such fund. The rate of 13 14 excise tax shall be an amount sufficient to meet the appropriations made from the Highway Cash Fund by the Legislature. Such rate shall be set in 15 increments of one-tenth of one percent. 16

- 17 (3) The Department of Transportation shall provide to the
 18 Legislative Fiscal Analyst an electronic copy of the information that is
 19 submitted to the Department of Revenue and used to set or adjust the
 20 excise tax rate.
- (4) If the actual receipts received to date added to any projections 21 or modified projections of deposits to the Highway Cash Fund for the 22 current fiscal year are less than ninety-nine percent or greater than one 23 24 hundred two percent of the appropriation for the current fiscal year, the 25 Director of Transportation Director-State Engineer shall certify to the department the adjustment in rate necessary to meet the appropriations 26 27 made from the Highway Cash Fund by the Legislature. The department shall adjust the rate as certified by the <u>director Director-State Engineer</u> to 28 be effective on the first day of the following semiannual period. 29
- 30 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate the 31 duties of the Department of Transportation or attempt to change any

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- 1 highway improvement program schedule.
- Sec. 40. Section 71-3526, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 71-3526 The Radiation Transportation Emergency Response Cash Fund is
- 5 created. The fund shall consist of fees credited pursuant to section
- 6 71-3525. The fund shall be used for the purposes stated in such section.
- 7 The Director of Transportation Director-State Engineer, the
- 8 Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, the chief executive
- 9 officer of the department, the Adjutant General as director of the
- 10 Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, and the executive director of the
- 11 Public Service Commission, or their designees, shall meet at least
- 12 annually to recommend changes in the fees charged and allocation of the
- 13 fees collected among participating agencies based upon their respective
- 14 costs in carrying out such section. Any money in the fund available for
- investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
- 16 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 17 Investment Act.
- 18 Sec. 41. Section 81-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 19 2020, is amended to read:
- 20 81-102 The Governor shall appoint heads for the various agencies
- 21 listed in section 81-101, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of
- 22 the members elected to the Legislature. Such appointments shall be
- 23 submitted to the Legislature within sixty calendar days following the
- 24 first Thursday after the first Tuesday in each odd-numbered year. The
- 25 officers shall be designated as follows: (1) The Director of Agriculture
- 26 for the Department of Agriculture; (2) the Commissioner of Labor for the
- 27 Department of Labor; (3) the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State</u>
- 28 Engineer for the Department of Transportation; (4) the Director of
- 29 Natural Resources for the Department of Natural Resources; (5) the
- 30 Director of Banking and Finance for the Department of Banking and
- 31 Finance; (6) the Director of Insurance for the Department of Insurance;

- 1 (7) the Director of Motor Vehicles for the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- 2 (8) the Director of Administrative Services for the Department of
- 3 Administrative Services; (9) the Director of Correctional Services for
- 4 the Department of Correctional Services; (10) the Director of Economic
- 5 Development for the Department of Economic Development; (11) the
- 6 Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety for the Nebraska
- 7 State Patrol; (12) the Property Tax Administrator as the chief
- 8 administrative officer of the property assessment division of the
- 9 Department of Revenue; and (13) the chief executive officer for the
- 10 Department of Health and Human Services. Whoever shall be so nominated by
- 11 the Governor and shall fail to receive the number of votes requisite for
- 12 confirmation, shall not be subject to nomination or appointment for this
- 13 or any other appointive state office requiring confirmation by the
- 14 Legislature during the period for which his or her appointment was
- 15 sought. In case of a vacancy in any of such offices during the recess of
- 16 the Legislature, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment until
- 17 the next meeting of the Legislature, when he or she shall nominate some
- 18 person to fill such office. Any person so nominated who is confirmed by
- 19 the Legislature, shall hold his or her office during the remainder of the
- 20 term if a specific term has been provided by law, otherwise during the
- 21 pleasure of the Governor subject to the provisions of this section;
- 22 except any such officers may be removed by the Governor pursuant to
- 23 Article IV of the Constitution of Nebraska.
- 24 Sec. 42. Section 81-701.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 25 2020, is amended to read:
- 26 81-701.01 The <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer
- 27 shall have full control, management, supervision, administration, and
- 28 direction of the Department of Transportation. All powers and duties
- 29 lawfully conferred upon the department shall be exercised under the
- 30 direction of the director Director-State Engineer.
- 31 Sec. 43. Section 81-701.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 1 2020, is amended to read:
- 2 81-701.02 The <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer,
- 3 for the Department of Transportation, shall:
- 4 (1) Have charge of the records of the department;
- 5 (2) Cause accurate and complete books of account to be kept;
- 6 (3) Supervise the signing of vouchers and orders for supplies,
- 7 materials, and any other expenditures;
- 8 (4) Contract for consulting services;
- 9 (5) Employ all engineers, assistants, clerks, agents, and other
- 10 employees required for the proper transaction of the business of the
- 11 office or of the department and fix their titles, determine their duties
- 12 and compensation, and discharge them in his or her discretion; and
- 13 (6) Sign and execute or supervise the signing and executing of all
- 14 documents and papers, including contracts and agreements for highway
- 15 construction and the purchase of machinery, materials, and supplies.
- 16 Sec. 44. Section 81-701.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 17 2020, is amended to read:
- 18 81-701.04 There shall be paid to the Department of Transportation in
- 19 advance for the services of the department, or any officer or employee
- 20 thereof by the party demanding or necessitating the service, the
- 21 following fees: For typing a transcript or copy of any instrument
- 22 recorded or filed in any office of the department, fifteen cents for each
- 23 one hundred words; for blueprint copy of any map or drawing, or
- 24 photostatic copy of any record, a reasonable sum to be fixed by the
- 25 department in an amount estimated to cover the actual cost of preparing
- 26 such a reproduction; for other copies of drawing, two dollars per hour
- 27 for the time actually employed; and for certificate and seal, one dollar.
- 28 The <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-State Engineer shall keep a
- 29 record of all fees received. Such fees shall be currently deposited with
- 30 the State Treasurer by the <u>director</u> Director-State Engineer for the use
- 31 of the Highway Cash Fund and the <u>director Director-State Engineer</u> shall

- 1 take his or her receipt therefor and file the same with the records of
- 2 his or her office.
- 3 Sec. 45. Section 81-15,210, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2020, is amended to read:
- 5 81-15,210 (1) The director of the Nebraska Emergency Management
- 6 Agency shall serve as the State Administrator of the Nebraska Emergency
- 7 Planning and Community Right to Know Act. The State Emergency Response
- 8 Commission is created and shall be a part of the Nebraska Emergency
- 9 Management Agency for administrative purposes. The membership of the
- 10 commission shall include the Director of Environment and Energy or his or
- 11 her designee, the <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> or
- 12 his or her designee, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public
- 13 Safety or his or her designee, the State Fire Marshal or his or her
- 14 designee, the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency or his
- or her designee, the chief executive officer of the Department of Health
- 16 and Human Services or his or her designee, two elected officials or
- 17 employees of municipal or county government, and one citizen member to
- 18 represent each of the following interest groups: Firefighters, local
- 19 emergency management, public or community health, environmental
- 20 protection, labor, school district, small business, agricultural
- 21 business, chemical industry, highway transportation, and rail
- 22 transportation. The Governor shall appoint the municipal or county
- 23 government officials or employees and the citizen members with the
- 24 approval of the Legislature. The appointments shall be made to represent
- 25 the three congressional districts as equally as possible.
- 26 (2) The members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for
- 27 terms of four years, except that of the first citizen members appointed,
- 28 three members shall serve for one-year terms, three members shall serve
- 29 for two-year terms, and two members shall serve for three-year terms, as
- 30 designated at the time of appointment.
- 31 (3) A vacancy on the commission shall exist in the event of the

- 1 death, disability, or resignation of a member. Any member appointed to
- 2 fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which
- 3 his or her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed by the Governor
- 4 for the remainder of such term.
- 5 Sec. 46. Section 84-203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 6 amended to read:
- 7 84-203 The Attorney General is authorized to appear for the state
- 8 and prosecute and defend, in any court or before any officer, board or
- 9 tribunal, any cause or matter, civil or criminal, in which the state may
- 10 be a party or interested. If the <u>Director of Transportation</u> Director-
- 11 State Engineer shall have drawn any plans or specifications for the
- 12 construction of bridges or other public structures for any county in this
- 13 state, and such plans shall have been adopted by any such county and bids
- 14 let thereon, and the same constructed by any person, corporation or
- 15 association, and suit is brought against such county, person, corporation
- 16 or association for damages on account of the infringement of any alleged
- 17 United States patent, in any court, state or federal, it shall be the
- 18 duty of the Attorney General to intervene in said suit in behalf of the
- 19 state and defend it, or, if intervention cannot be had, then the Attorney
- 20 General shall take charge of the suit for such county, person,
- 21 corporation or association, and defend it, or the Attorney General he may
- 22 employ counsel to do so, and the fee of such counsel and other expenses
- 23 shall be paid from appropriations made to the office of the Attorney
- 24 General.
- 25 Sec. 47. Section 86-570, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 26 2020, is amended to read:
- 27 86-570 (1) The Geographic Information Systems Council is hereby
- 28 created and shall consist of:
- 29 (a) The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee, the chief
- 30 executive officer or designee of the Department of Health and Human
- 31 Services, and the director or designee of the Department of Environment

- 1 and Energy, the Conservation and Survey Division of the University of
- 2 Nebraska, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Governor's Policy
- 3 Research Office;
- 4 (b) The <u>Director of Transportation</u> <u>Director-State Engineer</u> or
- 5 designee;
- 6 (c) The State Surveyor or designee;
- 7 (d) The Clerk of the Legislature or designee;
- 8 (e) The secretary of the Game and Parks Commission or designee;
- 9 (f) The Property Tax Administrator or designee;
- 10 (g) One representative of federal agencies appointed by the
- 11 Governor;
- 12 (h) One representative of the natural resources districts nominated
- 13 by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and appointed by the
- 14 Governor;
- 15 (i) One representative of the public power districts appointed by
- 16 the Governor;
- 17 (j) Two representatives of the counties nominated by the Nebraska
- 18 Association of County Officials and appointed by the Governor;
- 19 (k) One representative of the municipalities nominated by the League
- 20 of Nebraska Municipalities and appointed by the Governor;
- 21 (1) Two members at large appointed by the Governor; and
- 22 (m) Such other members as nominated by the Nebraska Information
- 23 Technology Commission and appointed by the Governor.
- 24 (2) The appointed members shall serve terms as determined by the
- 25 Nebraska Information Technology Commission.
- 26 (3) The members shall be reimbursed for expenses as provided in
- 27 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 28 Sec. 48. Original sections 23-314, 23-320, 39-818, 39-819, 39-821,
- 29 39-1309.01, 39-1315, 39-1326, 39-1334, 39-1361, 39-2803, 49-617,
- 30 60-6,103, 60-6,167, 60-6,188, 60-6,190, 60-6,288, 60-6,292, 60-6,294,
- 31 60-6,295, 66-4,100, 66-4,144, 71-3526, and 84-203, Reissue Revised

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- 1 Statutes of Nebraska, sections 3-103, 3-104, 13-1203, 39-221, 39-822,
- 2 39-891, 39-1101, 39-1110, 39-1301, 39-1311, 39-1314, 39-1323.01, 39-1349,
- 3 39-1390, 39-2109, 39-2120, 81-102, 81-701.01, 81-701.02, 81-701.04,
- 4 81-15,210, and 86-570, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and
- 5 section 39-2106, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, are repealed.