

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 126

Introduced by Ballard, 21, Chairman Enrollment and Review

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

3           Section 1. Section 77-1613.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:

5           77-1613.02 The county assessor or county clerk shall correct the  
6 assessment and tax rolls after action of the county board of equalization  
7 or final order of an applicable administrative body or court. Each  
8 correction shall be made in triplicate, each set of triplicate forms  
9 being consecutively numbered, and there shall be entered upon such form  
10 all data pertaining to the assessment which is to be corrected. The  
11 correction shall show all additions and reductions, the amount of tax  
12 added or reduced, with the reason therefor, and the page or pages of the  
13 tax rolls upon which such change is to be made. The original copy shall  
14 be delivered to the county treasurer, the duplicate copy to the county  
15 clerk, and the triplicate copy shall remain in the office of the county  
16 assessor. The county assessor or county clerk shall provide upon demand a  
17 listing showing each entry and sorted by tax year. The county treasurer  
18 shall thereupon correct the tax roll to conform to the correction copy  
19 and all changes shall be made in red ink, drawing a line through the  
20 original or erroneous figures, but not erasing the same. No county  
21 assessor shall reduce or increase the valuation of any property, real or  
22 personal, without the approval of the county board of equalization or an  
23 applicable administrative body or court, as provided for in this section.  
24 Any county assessor who shall willfully reduce or increase the valuation  
25 of any property, without the approval of the county board of equalization  
26 or an applicable administrative body or court, as provided in this  
27 section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction

1 thereof, be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred  
2 dollars.

3 Sec. 2. Section 77-3501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 77-3501 For purposes of sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3,  
6 4, 5, and 10 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
7 definitions found in sections 77-3501.01 to 77-3505.05 and sections 3, 4,  
8 and 5 of this act shall be used.

9 Sec. 3. Household asset means property of a claimant and spouse,  
10 and any additional owners who are natural persons and who occupy the  
11 homestead.

12 Sec. 4. Occupy means to reside on a property with the intention of  
13 maintaining the property as the owner's primary residence. A departure  
14 from the property for reasons of health or legal duty shall not  
15 disqualify the owner of the property from receiving an exemption under  
16 sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10 of this act, so  
17 long as the owner demonstrates an intention to return to the property.

18 Sec. 5. Qualified census tract means a qualified census tract as  
19 defined in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on  
20 January 1, 2024.

21 Sec. 6. Section 77-3505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 77-3505 A qualified claimant shall mean an owner of a homestead  
24 during the calendar year for which the claim is made who was sixty-five  
25 years of age or older before January 1 of such year and who shall be  
26 entitled to relief pursuant to section 77-3507 or section 10 of this act.

27 Sec. 7. Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
28 amended to read:

29 77-3506 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
30 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
31 from taxation, on any homestead described in subsection (2) of this

1 section, one hundred percent of the exempt amount.

2 (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall  
3 apply to homesteads of:

4 (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
5 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
6 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
7 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected permanent  
8 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections  
9 77-3526 to 77-3528;

10 (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in  
11 subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a  
12 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

13 (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
14 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
15 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
16 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected temporary  
17 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections  
18 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried spouse of such a veteran, or a  
19 surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the age  
20 of fifty-seven years;

21 (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a  
22 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was  
23 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or  
24 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-  
25 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who  
26 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

27 (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman,  
28 including a veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01,  
29 whose death while on active duty was service-connected or a surviving  
30 spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining  
31 the age of fifty-seven years; and

1 (f) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman  
2 who died while on active duty during the periods described in section  
3 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who  
4 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years.

5 (3) Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of this  
6 section shall be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible by  
7 five and shall include certification of the status described in  
8 subdivision (2)(a) of this section from the United States Department of  
9 Veterans Affairs. Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(b),  
10 (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section shall be required annually and  
11 shall include certification of the status described in subdivision (2)  
12 (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section from the United States  
13 Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such certification of status  
14 shall only be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible by five.

15 (4) Only claimants that received a homestead exemption under this  
16 section in 2024 and every year thereafter shall be eligible for a  
17 homestead exemption under this section.

18 Sec. 8. Section 77-3507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 77-3507 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
21 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
22 from taxation on homesteads of qualified claimants a percentage of the  
23 exempt amount as limited by section 77-3506.03. The percentage of the  
24 exempt amount shall be determined based on the household income of a  
25 claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this section.

26 (2) For 2014, for a qualified married or closely related claimant,  
27 the percentage of the exempt amount for which the claimant shall be  
28 eligible shall be the percentage in Column B which corresponds with the  
29 claimant's household income in Column A in the table found in this  
30 subsection.

1	Column A	Column B
2	Household Income	Percentage
3	In Dollars	Of Relief
4	0 through 31,600	100
5	31,601 through 33,300	90
6	33,301 through 35,000	80
7	35,001 through 36,700	70
8	36,701 through 38,400	60
9	38,401 through 40,100	50
10	40,101 through 41,800	40
11	41,801 through 43,500	30
12	43,501 through 45,200	20
13	45,201 through 46,900	10
14	46,901 and over	0

15 (3) For 2014, for a qualified single claimant, the percentage of the  
16 exempt amount for which the claimant shall be eligible shall be the  
17 percentage in Column B which corresponds with the claimant's household  
18 income in Column A in the table found in this subsection.

19	Column A	Column B
20	Household Income	Percentage
21	In Dollars	Of Relief
22	0 through 26,900	100
23	26,901 through 28,300	90
24	28,301 through 29,700	80
25	29,701 through 31,100	70
26	31,101 through 32,500	60
27	32,501 through 33,900	50
28	33,901 through 35,300	40
29	35,301 through 36,700	30

1	36,701 through 38,100	20
2	38,101 through 39,500	10
3	39,501 and over	0

4 (4) For exemption applications filed in calendar years 2015 through  
5 2017, the income eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
6 section shall be adjusted by the percentage determined pursuant to the  
7 provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it  
8 existed prior to December 22, 2017. For exemption applications filed in  
9 calendar year 2018 and each calendar year thereafter, the income  
10 eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
11 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
12 Urban Consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics from  
13 the twelve months ending on August 31, 2016, to the twelve months ending  
14 on August 31 of the year preceding the applicable calendar year. The  
15 income eligibility amounts shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation  
16 since 2014. If any amount is not a multiple of one hundred dollars, the  
17 amount shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one hundred  
18 dollars.

19 (5) Only claimants that received a homestead exemption under this  
20 section in 2024 and every year thereafter shall be eligible for a  
21 homestead exemption under this section.

22 Sec. 9. Section 77-3508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
23 2022, is amended to read:

24 77-3508 (1)(a) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
25 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
26 from taxation, on any homestead described in subdivision (b) of this  
27 subsection, a percentage of the exempt amount as limited by section  
28 77-3506.03. The exemption shall be based on the household income of a  
29 claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this section.

30 (b) The exemption described in subdivision (a) of this subsection

1 shall apply to homesteads of:

2 (i) Veterans as defined in section 80-401.01 who were discharged or  
3 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general  
4 (under honorable conditions) and who are totally disabled by a non-  
5 service-connected accident or illness;

6 (ii) Individuals who have a permanent physical disability and have  
7 lost all mobility so as to preclude locomotion without the use of a  
8 mechanical aid or a prosthetic device as defined in section 77-2704.09;

9 (iii) Individuals who have undergone amputation of both arms above  
10 the elbow or who have a permanent partial disability of both arms in  
11 excess of seventy-five percent; and

12 (iv) Beginning January 1, 2015, individuals who have a developmental  
13 disability as defined in section 83-1205.

14 (c) Application for the exemption described in subdivision (a) of  
15 this subsection shall include certification from a qualified medical  
16 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for  
17 subdivisions (b)(i) through (b)(iii) of this subsection, certification  
18 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs affirming that the  
19 homeowner is totally disabled due to non-service-connected accident or  
20 illness for subdivision (b)(i) of this subsection, or certification from  
21 the Department of Health and Human Services for subdivision (b)(iv) of  
22 this subsection. Such certification from a qualified medical physician,  
23 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse or from the  
24 Department of Health and Human Services shall be made on forms prescribed  
25 by the Department of Revenue. If an individual described in subdivision  
26 (b)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this subsection is granted a homestead  
27 exemption pursuant to this section for any year, such individual shall  
28 not be required to submit the certification required under this  
29 subdivision in succeeding years if no change in medical condition has  
30 occurred, except that the county assessor or the Tax Commissioner may  
31 request such certification to verify that no change in medical condition

1 has occurred.

2 (2) For 2014, for a married or closely related claimant as described  
3 in subsection (1) of this section, the percentage of the exempt amount  
4 for which the claimant shall be eligible shall be the percentage in  
5 Column B which corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column  
6 A in the table found in this subsection.

7	Column A	Column B
8	Household Income	Percentage
9	In Dollars	Of Relief
10	0 through 34,700	100
11	34,701 through 36,400	90
12	36,401 through 38,100	80
13	38,101 through 39,800	70
14	39,801 through 41,500	60
15	41,501 through 43,200	50
16	43,201 through 44,900	40
17	44,901 through 46,600	30
18	46,601 through 48,300	20
19	48,301 through 50,000	10
20	50,001 and over	0

21 (3) For 2014, for a single claimant as described in subsection (1)  
22 of this section, the percentage of the exempt amount for which the  
23 claimant shall be eligible shall be the percentage in Column B which  
24 corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the table  
25 found in this subsection.

26	Column A	Column B
27	Household Income	Percentage
28	In Dollars	Of Relief
29	0 through 30,300	100



1	30,301 through 31,700	90
2	31,701 through 33,100	80
3	33,101 through 34,500	70
4	34,501 through 35,900	60
5	35,901 through 37,300	50
6	37,301 through 38,700	40
7	38,701 through 40,100	30
8	40,101 through 41,500	20
9	41,501 through 42,900	10
10	42,901 and over	0

11 (4) For exemption applications filed in calendar years 2015 through  
12 2017, the income eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
13 section shall be adjusted by the percentage determined pursuant to the  
14 provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it  
15 existed prior to December 22, 2017. For exemption applications filed in  
16 calendar year 2018 and each calendar year thereafter, the income  
17 eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
18 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
19 Urban Consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics from  
20 the twelve months ending on August 31, 2016, to the twelve months ending  
21 on August 31 of the year preceding the applicable calendar year. The  
22 income eligibility amounts shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation  
23 since 2014. If any amount is not a multiple of one hundred dollars, the  
24 amount shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one hundred  
25 dollars.

26 (5) Only claimants that received a homestead exemption under this  
27 section in 2024 and every year thereafter shall be eligible for a  
28 homestead exemption under this section.

29 Sec. 10. (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
30 taxation the same as other property, except that the maximum amount of

1 property taxes for any homestead described in subsection (2) of this  
2 section shall be limited as provided in this section.

3 (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall  
4 apply to homesteads of:

5 (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
6 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
7 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
8 Affairs because the veteran is at least fifty percent disabled due to a  
9 service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption  
10 under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528;

11 (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in  
12 subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a  
13 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

14 (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
15 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
16 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
17 Affairs because the veteran is at least fifty percent disabled due to a  
18 service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption  
19 under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried spouse of such a  
20 veteran, or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after  
21 attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

22 (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a  
23 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was  
24 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or  
25 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-  
26 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who  
27 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

28 (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman,  
29 including a veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01,  
30 whose death while on active duty was service-connected or a surviving  
31 spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining

1 the age of fifty-seven years;

2 (f) An unmarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman  
3 who died while on active duty during the periods described in section  
4 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who  
5 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

6 (g) A qualified claimant;

7 (h) A veteran as defined in section 80-401.01 who was discharged or  
8 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general  
9 (under honorable conditions) and who is totally disabled by a non-  
10 service-connected accident or illness;

11 (i) An individual who has a permanent physical disability and has  
12 lost all mobility so as to preclude locomotion without the use of a  
13 mechanical aid or a prosthetic device as defined in section 77-2704.09;

14 (j) An individual who has undergone amputation of both arms above  
15 the elbow or who has a permanent partial disability of both arms in  
16 excess of seventy-five percent; and

17 (k) An individual who has a developmental disability as defined in  
18 section 83-1205.

19 (3)(a) For 2025, for a married or closely related claimant described  
20 in subsection (2) of this section, the minimum amount of taxes on the  
21 homestead the claimant shall pay shall be one thousand two hundred  
22 dollars and the maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the claimant  
23 shall pay is one thousand two hundred dollars plus the amount in Column B  
24 which corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the  
25 table found in this subsection.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Amount of Addition</u>
<u>In Dollars</u>	<u>In Dollars</u>
<u>0 through 38,909</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>38,910 through 40,000</u>	<u>120</u>

1	<u>40,001 through 45,000</u>	<u>600</u>
2	<u>45,001 through 50,000</u>	<u>900</u>
3	<u>50,001 through 55,000</u>	<u>1200</u>
4	<u>55,001 through 60,000</u>	<u>1500</u>
5	<u>60,001 through 65,000</u>	<u>1800</u>
6	<u>65,001 through 70,000</u>	<u>2100</u>
7	<u>70,001 through 75,000</u>	<u>2400</u>
8	<u>75,001 through 80,000</u>	<u>2700</u>
9	<u>80,001 through 85,000</u>	<u>3000</u>
10	<u>85,001 through 90,000</u>	<u>3300</u>
11	<u>90,001 through 95,000</u>	<u>3600</u>
12	<u>95,000 through 100,000</u>	<u>4800</u>

13 (b) For a claimant with household income greater than one hundred  
14 thousand dollars, the maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the  
15 claimant shall pay shall be the amount of taxes due if the homestead was  
16 valued at its actual value with one hundred thousand dollars subtracted  
17 from its actual value.

18 (4)(a) For 2025, for a single claimant described in subsection (2)  
19 of this section, the minimum amount of taxes on the homestead the  
20 claimant shall pay shall be one thousand two hundred dollars and the  
21 maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the claimant shall pay is one  
22 thousand two hundred dollars plus the amount in Column B which  
23 corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the table  
24 found in this subsection.

25	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
26	<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Amount of Addition</u>
27	<u>In Dollars</u>	<u>In Dollars</u>
28	<u>0 through 27,236</u>	<u>0</u>
29	<u>27,237 through 28,000</u>	<u>120</u>
30	<u>28,001 through 31,500</u>	<u>600</u>

1	<u>31,501 through 35,000</u>	<u>900</u>
2	<u>35,001 through 38,500</u>	<u>1200</u>
3	<u>38,501 through 42,000</u>	<u>1500</u>
4	<u>42,001 through 45,500</u>	<u>1800</u>
5	<u>45,501 through 49,000</u>	<u>2100</u>
6	<u>49,001 through 52,500</u>	<u>2400</u>
7	<u>52,501 through 56,000</u>	<u>2700</u>
8	<u>56,001 through 59,500</u>	<u>3000</u>
9	<u>59,501 through 63,000</u>	<u>3300</u>
10	<u>63,001 through 66,500</u>	<u>3600</u>
11	<u>66,501 through 70,000</u>	<u>4800</u>

12       (b) For a claimant with household income greater than seventy  
13 thousand dollars, the maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the  
14 claimant shall pay shall be the amount of taxes due if the homestead was  
15 valued at its actual value with one hundred thousand dollars subtracted  
16 from its actual value.

17       (5) For exemption applications filed in calendar year 2026 and each  
18 calendar year thereafter, the income eligibility amounts in subsections  
19 (3) and (4) of this section shall be adjusted by the percentage change in  
20 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the federal  
21 Bureau of Labor Statistics from the twelve months ending on August 31,  
22 2024, to the twelve months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the  
23 applicable calendar year. The income eligibility amounts shall be  
24 adjusted for cumulative inflation since 2025. If any amount is not a  
25 multiple of one hundred dollars, the amount shall be rounded to the next  
26 lower multiple of one hundred dollars.

27       (6) In order to qualify for exemption under this section, the value  
28 of the total household assets of a claimant at any point in the three  
29 years prior to the application shall be equal to or less than one million  
30 dollars.

1       (7)(a) Application for exemption under this section for a homestead  
2 described in subdivision (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this  
3 section shall include certification of the status described in  
4 subdivision (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section from the  
5 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such  
6 certification of status shall only be required in every subsequent year  
7 evenly divisible by five.

8       (b) Application for exemption under this section for a homestead  
9 described in subdivision (2)(h), (i), (j), or (k) of this section shall  
10 include certification from a qualified medical physician, physician  
11 assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for subdivisions (2)(h)  
12 through (k) of this section, certification from the United States  
13 Department of Veterans Affairs affirming that the homeowner is totally  
14 disabled due to non-service-connected accident or illness for subdivision  
15 (2)(h) of this section, or certification from the Department of Health  
16 and Human Services for subdivision (2)(k) of this section. Such  
17 certification from a qualified medical physician, physician assistant, or  
18 advanced practice registered nurse or from the Department of Health and  
19 Human Services shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department of  
20 Revenue. If an individual described in subdivision (2)(h), (i), (j), or  
21 (k) of this section is granted a homestead exemption pursuant to this  
22 section for any year, such individual shall not be required to submit the  
23 certification required under this subdivision in succeeding years if no  
24 change in medical condition has occurred, except that the county assessor  
25 or the Tax Commissioner may request such certification to verify that no  
26 change in medical condition has occurred.

27       (c) Application for exemption under this section for a homestead of  
28 a qualified claimant shall include documentation that shows that the  
29 qualified claimant has begun receiving social security benefits, railroad  
30 retirement benefits, benefits from the Civil Service Retirement System,  
31 or benefits from any other retirement system that does not include social

1 security as a retirement component.

2 (8) For any purchaser or new owner of property in a qualified census  
3 tract that receives a homestead exemption for such property under this  
4 section, the property shall be valued at fifty percent of its actual  
5 value for purposes of taxation for the year the property was purchased or  
6 acquired and for the four years immediately following the year the  
7 homestead was acquired.

8 Sec. 11. Section 77-3509.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
9 is amended to read:

10 77-3509.01 If an owner of a homestead applies for an exemption under  
11 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 10 of this act for any  
12 year and such owner subsequently becomes the owner of another homestead  
13 prior to August 15 of such year, the owner may file an application with  
14 the county assessor of the county where the new homestead is located for  
15 a transfer of the exemption to the new homestead. The owner shall file  
16 the application for transfer with the county assessor on or before August  
17 15 of such year or within thirty days after receiving a notice of  
18 rejection on the owner's application for exemption for the original  
19 homestead. The county assessor shall examine each application for  
20 transfer and determine whether or not the new homestead, except for the  
21 January 1 through August 15 ownership and occupancy requirement and the  
22 income requirements, is eligible for exemption under section 77-3506,  
23 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 10 of this act. If the application for  
24 transfer is approved by the county assessor, he or she shall make a  
25 deduction upon the assessment rolls using the same criteria as previously  
26 applied to the original homestead. The county assessor may allow the  
27 application for transfer to also be considered an application for a  
28 homestead exemption for the subsequent year.

29 Sec. 12. Section 77-3509.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
30 is amended to read:

31 77-3509.03 All property tax statements for homesteads granted an

1 exemption in sections 77-3506, 77-3507, and 77-3508 and section 10 of  
2 this act shall show the amount of the exemption, the tax that would  
3 otherwise be due, and a statement that the tax loss shall be reimbursed  
4 by the state as a homestead exemption.

5 Sec. 13. Section 77-3510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
6 amended to read:

7 77-3510 On or before February 1 of each year, the Tax Commissioner  
8 shall prescribe forms to be used by all claimants for homestead exemption  
9 or for transfer of homestead exemption. Such forms shall contain  
10 provisions for the showing of all information which the Tax Commissioner  
11 may deem necessary to (1) enable the county officials and the Tax  
12 Commissioner to determine whether each claim for exemption under sections  
13 77-3506, 77-3507, and 77-3508 and section 10 of this act should be  
14 allowed and (2) enable the county assessor to determine whether each  
15 claim for transfer of homestead exemption pursuant to section 77-3509.01  
16 should be allowed. It shall be the duty of the county assessor of each  
17 county in this state to furnish such forms, upon request, to each person  
18 desiring to make application for homestead exemption or for transfer of  
19 homestead exemption. The forms so prescribed shall be used uniformly  
20 throughout the state, and no application for exemption or for transfer of  
21 homestead exemption shall be allowed unless the applicant uses the  
22 prescribed form in making an application. The forms shall require the  
23 attachment of an income statement for any applicant seeking an exemption  
24 under section 77-3507 or 77-3508 or section 10 of this act as prescribed  
25 by the Tax Commissioner fully accounting for all household income. The  
26 Tax Commissioner shall provide to each county assessor claim forms and  
27 address lists of applicants from the prior year in the manner approved by  
28 the Tax Commissioner. The application and information contained on any  
29 attachments to the application shall be confidential and available to tax  
30 officials only.

31 Sec. 14. Section 77-3511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is



1 amended to read:

2 77-3511 The application for homestead exemption or for transfer of  
3 homestead exemption shall be signed by the owner of the property who  
4 qualifies for exemption under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3,  
5 4, 5, and 10 of this act unless the owner is an incompetent or unable to  
6 make such application, in which case it shall be signed by the guardian.  
7 If an owner who in all respects qualifies for a homestead exemption under  
8 such sections dies after January 1 and before the last day for filing an  
9 application for a homestead exemption and before applying for a homestead  
10 exemption, his or her personal representative may file the application  
11 for exemption on or before the last day for filing an application for a  
12 homestead exemption of that year if the surviving spouse of such owner  
13 continues to occupy the homestead. Any exemption granted as a result of  
14 such application signed by a personal representative shall be in effect  
15 for only the year in which the owner died.

16 Sec. 15. Section 77-3512, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
17 amended to read:

18 77-3512 (1) It shall be the duty of each owner who wants a homestead  
19 exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 10 of  
20 this act to file an application therefor with the county assessor of the  
21 county in which the homestead is located after February 1 and on or  
22 before June 30 of each year, except that:

23 (a) The county board of the county in which the homestead is located  
24 may, by majority vote, extend the deadline for an applicant to on or  
25 before July 20. An extension shall not be granted to an applicant who  
26 received an extension in the immediately preceding year;

27 (b) An owner may file a late application pursuant to section  
28 77-3514.01 if he or she includes documentation of a medical condition  
29 which impaired the owner's ability to file the application in a timely  
30 manner;

31 (c) An owner may file a late application pursuant to section

1 77-3514.01 if he or she includes a copy of the death certificate of a  
2 spouse who died during the year for which the exemption is requested;

3 (d) A veteran qualifying for a homestead exemption under subdivision  
4 (2)(a) of section 77-3506 shall only be required to file an application  
5 in every subsequent year evenly divisible by five; and

6 (e) If a veteran who has been granted a homestead exemption under  
7 subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-3506 dies during the five-year exemption  
8 period, the surviving spouse of such veteran shall continue to receive  
9 such exemption for the remainder of the five-year exemption period. After  
10 the expiration of the five-year exemption period, the surviving spouse  
11 shall be required to file for an exemption under subdivision (2)(b) of  
12 section 77-3506 on an annual basis.

13 (2) Failure to file an application as required in subsection (1) of  
14 this section shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for the year in  
15 which the failure occurred.

16 Sec. 16. Section 77-3513, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
17 amended to read:

18 77-3513 The county assessor shall mail a notice on or before April 1  
19 to claimants who are the owners of a homestead which was granted an  
20 exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 10 of  
21 this act and who are required to refile for such exemption in the current  
22 year unless the claimant has already filed the application for the  
23 current year or the county assessor has reason to believe there has been  
24 a change of circumstances so that the claimant no longer qualifies. The  
25 notice shall include the claimant's name, the application deadlines for  
26 the current year, a list of documents that must be filed with the  
27 application, and the county assessor's office address and telephone  
28 number.

29 Sec. 17. Section 77-3514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 77-3514 A claimant who is the owner of a homestead which has been

1 granted an exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or  
2 section 10 of this act may notify the county assessor by August 15 of  
3 each year of any change in the homestead exemption status occurring in  
4 the preceding portion of the calendar year as a result of a transfer of  
5 the homestead exemption pursuant to sections 77-3509.01 and 77-3509.02.  
6 If by his or her failure to give such notice any property owner permits  
7 the allowance of the homestead exemption for any year after the homestead  
8 exemption status of such property has changed, an amount equal to the  
9 amount of the taxes lawfully due but not paid by reason of such unlawful  
10 and improper allowance of homestead exemption, together with penalty and  
11 interest on such total sum as provided by statute on delinquent ad  
12 valorem taxes, shall be due and shall upon entry of the amount thereof on  
13 the books of the county treasurer be a lien on such property while  
14 unpaid. Such lien may be enforced in the manner provided for liens for  
15 other delinquent taxes. Any person who has permitted the improper and  
16 unlawful allowance of such homestead exemption on his or her property  
17 shall, as an additional penalty, also forfeit his or her right to a  
18 homestead exemption on any property in this state for the two succeeding  
19 years.

20 Sec. 18. Section 77-3516, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22 77-3516 The county assessor shall examine each application for  
23 homestead exemption filed with him or her for an exemption pursuant to  
24 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 10 of this act and shall  
25 determine, except for the income requirements, whether or not such  
26 application should be approved or rejected. If the application is  
27 approved, the county assessor shall mark the same approved and sign the  
28 application. In case he or she finds that the exemption should not be  
29 allowed by reason of not being in conformity to law, the county assessor  
30 shall mark the application rejected, state thereon the reason for such  
31 rejection, and sign the application. In any case when the county assessor

1 rejects an application for exemption, he or she shall notify the  
2 applicant of such action by mailing written notice to the applicant at  
3 the address shown in the application within ten days after the  
4 application is rejected. The notice shall be on forms prescribed by the  
5 Tax Commissioner.

6 Sec. 19. Section 77-3517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
7 2022, is amended to read:

8 77-3517 (1) On or before August 1 of each year, the county assessor  
9 shall forward the approved applications for homestead exemptions and a  
10 copy of the certification of disability status that have been examined  
11 pursuant to section 77-3516 to the Tax Commissioner. The Tax Commissioner  
12 shall determine if the applicant meets the income requirements and may  
13 also review any other application information he or she deems necessary  
14 in order to determine whether the application should be approved. The Tax  
15 Commissioner shall, on or before November 1, certify his or her  
16 determinations to the county assessor. If the application is approved,  
17 the county assessor shall make the proper deduction on the assessment  
18 rolls. If the application is denied or approved in part, the Tax  
19 Commissioner shall notify the applicant of the denial or partial approval  
20 by mailing written notice to the applicant at the address shown on the  
21 application. The applicant may appeal the Tax Commissioner's denial or  
22 partial approval pursuant to section 77-3520. Late applications  
23 authorized under section 77-3512 shall be processed in a similar manner  
24 after approval by the county assessor. If the Tax Commissioner approves a  
25 late application after any of the real estate taxes in question become  
26 delinquent, such delinquency and any interest associated with the amount  
27 of the approved exemption shall be removed from the tax rolls of the  
28 county within thirty days after the county assessor receives notice from  
29 the Tax Commissioner of the approved exemption.

30 (2)(a) Upon his or her own action or upon a request by an applicant,  
31 a spouse, or an owner-occupant, the Tax Commissioner may review any

1 information necessary to determine whether an application is in  
2 compliance with sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10  
3 of this act. Any action taken by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to this  
4 subsection shall be taken within three years after December 31 of the  
5 year in which the exemption was claimed.

6 (b) If after completion of the review the Tax Commissioner  
7 determines that an exemption should have been approved or increased, the  
8 Tax Commissioner shall notify the applicant, spouse, or owner-occupant  
9 and the county treasurer and assessor of his or her determination. The  
10 applicant, spouse, or owner-occupant shall receive a refund of the tax,  
11 if any, that was paid as a result of the exemption being denied, in whole  
12 or in part. The county treasurer shall make the refund and shall amend  
13 the county's claim for reimbursement from the state.

14 (c) If after completion of the review the Tax Commissioner  
15 determines that an exemption should have been denied or reduced, the Tax  
16 Commissioner shall notify the applicant, spouse, or owner-occupant of  
17 such denial or reduction. The applicant, the spouse, and any owner-  
18 occupant may appeal the Tax Commissioner's denial or reduction pursuant  
19 to section 77-3520. Upon the expiration of the appeal period in section  
20 77-3520, the Tax Commissioner shall notify the county assessor of the  
21 denial or reduction and the county assessor shall remove or reduce the  
22 exemption from the tax rolls of the county. Upon notification by the Tax  
23 Commissioner to the county assessor, the amount of tax due as a result of  
24 the action of the Tax Commissioner shall become a lien on the homestead  
25 until paid. Upon attachment of the lien, the county treasurer shall  
26 refund to the Tax Commissioner the amount of tax equal to the denied or  
27 reduced exemption for deposit into the General Fund. No lien shall be  
28 created if a change in ownership of the homestead or death of the  
29 applicant, the spouse, and all other owner-occupants has occurred prior  
30 to the Tax Commissioner's notice to the county assessor. Beginning thirty  
31 days after the county assessor receives approval from the county board to

1 remove or reduce the exemption from the tax rolls of the county, interest  
2 at the rate specified in section 45-104.01, as such rate may from time to  
3 time be adjusted by the Legislature, shall begin to accrue on the amount  
4 of tax due.

5 Sec. 20. Section 77-3521, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
6 amended to read:

7 77-3521 It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner to adopt and  
8 promulgate rules and regulations for the information and guidance of the  
9 county assessors and county boards of equalization, not inconsistent with  
10 sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10 of this act,  
11 affecting the application, hearing, assessment, or equalization of  
12 property which is claimed to be entitled to the exemption granted by such  
13 sections.

14 Sec. 21. Section 77-3522, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
15 amended to read:

16 77-3522 (1) Any person who makes any false or fraudulent claim for  
17 exemption or any false statement or false representation of a material  
18 fact in support of such claim or any person who knowingly assists another  
19 in the preparation of any such false or fraudulent claim or enters into  
20 any collusion with another by the execution of a fictitious deed or other  
21 instrument for the purpose of obtaining unlawful exemption under sections  
22 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10 of this act shall be  
23 guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be subject to a forfeiture of  
24 any such exemption for a period of two years from the date of conviction.  
25 Any person who shall make an oath or affirmation to any false or  
26 fraudulent application for homestead exemption knowing the same to be  
27 false or fraudulent shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

28 (2) In addition to the penalty provided in subsection (1) of this  
29 section, if any person (a) files a claim for exemption as provided in  
30 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 10 of this act which is  
31 excessive due to misstatements by the owner filing such claim or (b)

1 fails to notify the county assessor of a change in status of a veteran  
2 qualifying for a homestead exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of section  
3 77-3506 which affected all or a portion of the exemption period,  
4 including a change in rating, the death of the veteran, or a transfer of  
5 property not covered by section 77-3514, the claim may be disallowed in  
6 full and, if the claim has been allowed, an amount equal to the amount of  
7 taxes lawfully due during the applicable exemption period but not paid by  
8 reason of such unlawful and improper allowance of homestead exemption  
9 shall be due and shall upon entry of the amount thereof on the books of  
10 the county treasurer be a lien on such property until paid and a penalty  
11 and interest on such total sum as provided by statute on delinquent ad  
12 valorem taxes shall be assessed. Any amount paid to satisfy a lien  
13 imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the county treasurer  
14 in the same manner that other property taxes are paid, and the county  
15 treasurer shall remit such amount to the State Treasurer for credit to  
16 the General Fund. Any penalty collected pursuant to this subsection shall  
17 be retained by the county in which such penalty is assessed.

18 (3) For any veteran claiming a homestead exemption under subdivision  
19 (2)(a) of section 77-3506, the county assessor may revoke such exemption  
20 back to the date on which the county assessor has reason to believe that  
21 the exemption was improper upon notice to the veteran of the revocation.  
22 The veteran may then provide evidence in favor of receiving the exemption  
23 to the county assessor, and the county assessor may revise any revocation  
24 based on such evidence. Any decision of the county assessor to revoke a  
25 homestead exemption under this subsection may be appealed to the county  
26 board of equalization within thirty days after the decision. The county  
27 board of equalization may reverse or modify the revocation if there is  
28 clear and convincing evidence that the veteran qualified for the  
29 exemption for a particular period of time.

30 (4) Any additional taxes or penalties imposed pursuant to this  
31 section may be appealed in the same manner as appeals are made under

1 section 77-3519.

2 Sec. 22. Section 77-3523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2022, is amended to read:

4 77-3523 The county treasurer and county assessor shall, on or before  
5 November 30 of each year, certify to the Tax Commissioner the total tax  
6 revenue that will be lost to all taxing agencies within the county from  
7 taxes levied and assessed in that year because of exemptions allowed  
8 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10 of this  
9 act. The county treasurer and county assessor may amend the certification  
10 to show any change or correction in the total tax that will be lost until  
11 May 30 of the next succeeding year. If a homestead exemption is approved,  
12 denied, or corrected by the Tax Commissioner under subsection (2) of  
13 section 77-3517 after May 1 of the next year, the county treasurer and  
14 county assessor shall prepare and submit amended reports to the Tax  
15 Commissioner and the political subdivisions covering any affected year  
16 and shall adjust the reimbursement to the county and the other political  
17 subdivisions by adjusting the reimbursement due under this section in  
18 later years. The Tax Commissioner shall, on or before January 1 next  
19 following such certification or within thirty days of any amendment to  
20 the certification, notify the Director of Administrative Services of the  
21 amount so certified to be reimbursed by the state. Reimbursement of the  
22 funds lost shall be made to each county according to the certification  
23 and shall be distributed in six as nearly as possible equal monthly  
24 payments on the last business day of each month beginning in January. The  
25 Director of Administrative Services shall, on the last business day of  
26 each month, issue payments by electronic funds transfer. Out of the  
27 amount so received the county treasurer shall distribute to each of the  
28 taxing agencies within his or her county the full amount so lost by such  
29 agency, except that one percent of such amount shall be deposited in the  
30 county general fund and that the amount due a Class V school district  
31 shall be paid to the district and the county shall be compensated one



1 percent of such amount. Each taxing agency shall, in preparing its annual  
2 or biennial budget, take into account the amount to be received under  
3 this section.

4 Sec. 23. Section 77-3529, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6 77-3529 If any application for exemption pursuant to sections  
7 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10 of this act is denied and  
8 the applicant would be qualified for any other exemption under such  
9 sections, then such denied application shall be treated as an application  
10 for the highest exemption for which qualified. Any additional  
11 documentation necessary for such other exemption shall be submitted to  
12 the county assessor within a reasonable time after receipt of the notice  
13 of denial.

14 Sec. 24. Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
15 amended to read:

16 77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under  
17 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars.  
18 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be  
19 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature  
20 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008  
21 using available revenue. For tax year 2017, the amount of relief granted  
22 under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars. For tax  
23 year 2020 through tax year 2022, the minimum amount of relief granted  
24 under the act shall be two hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax  
25 year 2023, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be  
26 three hundred sixty million dollars. For tax year 2024, the minimum  
27 amount of relief granted under the act shall be three hundred ninety-five  
28 million dollars. For tax year 2025, the minimum amount of relief granted  
29 under the act shall be four hundred thirty million dollars. For tax year  
30 2026, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be four  
31 hundred forty-five million dollars. For tax year 2027, the minimum amount

1 of relief granted under the act shall be four hundred sixty million  
2 dollars. For tax year 2028, the minimum amount of relief granted under  
3 the act shall be four hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax year  
4 2029, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be the  
5 minimum amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal  
6 to the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all  
7 real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as  
8 determined by the Department of Revenue, plus an additional seventy-five  
9 million dollars. For tax year 2030 and each tax year thereafter, the  
10 minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be the minimum  
11 amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the  
12 percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real  
13 property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as  
14 determined by the Department of Revenue. If money is transferred or  
15 credited to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund pursuant to any other state  
16 law, such amount shall be added to the minimum amount required under this  
17 subsection when determining the total amount of relief granted under the  
18 act. The relief shall be in the form of a property tax credit which  
19 appears on the property tax statement.

20 (2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount  
21 of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the  
22 amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section  
23 by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total  
24 real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the  
25 property tax credit for the property.

26 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the  
27 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount  
28 disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the  
29 ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total  
30 credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be  
31 the property tax credit for the property.

1           (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption  
2 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 3, 4, 5, and 10 of this  
3 act, the owner shall also be qualified for the relief provided in the act  
4 to the extent of any remaining liability after calculation of the relief  
5 provided by the homestead exemption. If the credit results in a property  
6 tax liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the amount of the  
7 credit which cannot be used by the taxpayer shall be returned to the  
8 Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of the year the amount disbursed to  
9 the county was disbursed. The Property Tax Administrator shall  
10 immediately credit any funds returned under this subsection to the  
11 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Upon the return of any funds under this  
12 subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically file a report with  
13 the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed by the Tax  
14 Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to each taxing  
15 unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection  
16 fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits  
17 returned.

18           (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to  
19 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement  
20 determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio  
21 of the real property valuation in the county to the real property  
22 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator  
23 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each  
24 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each  
25 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal  
26 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before  
27 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the  
28 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing  
29 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the  
30 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such  
31 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing

1 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.

2 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each  
3 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined  
4 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the  
5 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation  
6 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator  
7 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each  
8 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each  
9 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal  
10 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before  
11 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the  
12 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing  
13 unit based on its share of the credits granted to all taxpayers in the  
14 taxing unit.

15 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means  
16 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and  
17 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for  
18 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special  
19 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for  
20 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special  
21 valuation.

22 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the  
23 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August  
24 1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.

25 (7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from the  
26 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.

27 Sec. 25. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

28 Sec. 26. Original sections 77-1613.02, 77-3501, 77-3505, 77-3507,  
29 77-3509.01, 77-3509.03, 77-3510, 77-3511, 77-3514, 77-3516, 77-3521, and  
30 77-3529, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-3508, 77-3517,  
31 and 77-3523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections

1 77-3506, 77-3512, 77-3513, 77-3522, and 77-4212, Revised Statutes  
2 Supplement, 2023, are repealed.

3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "revenue" in line 1 through line  
4 5 and insert "revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-1613.02,  
5 77-3501, 77-3505, 77-3507, 77-3509.01, 77-3509.03, 77-3510, 77-3511,  
6 77-3514, 77-3516, 77-3521, and 77-3529, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
7 Nebraska, sections 77-3508, 77-3517, and 77-3523, Revised Statutes  
8 Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 77-3506, 77-3512, 77-3513,  
9 77-3522, and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change  
10 provisions relating to property assessment and tax rolls; to define and  
11 redefine terms; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions; to  
12 harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the  
13 original sections."