AMENDMENTS TO LB 1137

Introduced by Urban Affairs

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
- 2 new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 17 of this act shall be known
- 4 and may be cited as the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 6 (1) Nebraska's municipalities are important to the social
- 7 and economic vitality of the state, and many municipalities are
- 8 struggling to cope with vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent
- 9 properties;
- 10 (2) Vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties
- 11 represent lost revenue to municipalities and large costs associated
- 12 with demolition, safety hazards, and the deterioration of
- 13 neighborhoods;
- 14 (3) There is an overriding public need to confront the
- 15 problems caused by vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties
- 16 through the creation of new tools to be available to municipalities
- 17 enabling such municipalities to turn vacant spaces into vibrant
- 18 places; and
- 19 (4) Land banks are one of the tools that can be utilized
- 20 by municipalities to facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned,
- 21 and tax-delinquent properties to productive use.
- 22 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank
- 23 Act:

1 (1) Board means the board of directors of a land bank; 2 (2) Land bank means a land bank established in accordance 3 with the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act; and 4 (3) Municipality means any city or village that is 5 located (a) within a county in which a city of the metropolitan 6 class is located or (b) within a county in which at least three 7 cities of the first class are located. 8 Sec. 4. (1) A municipality may elect to create a land 9 bank by the adoption of an ordinance which specifies the following: 10 (a) The name of the land bank; 11 (b) The number of members of the board, which shall consist of an odd number of members and shall be not less than 12 13 seven members nor more than eleven members; 14 (c) The initial individuals to serve as members of the 15 board and the length of terms for which they are to serve; and 16 (d) The qualifications, manner of selection or 17 appointment, and terms of office of members of the board. 18 (2) Two or more municipalities may elect to enter into 19 an agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to create a single land bank to act on behalf of such municipalities, which 20 21 agreement shall contain the information required by subsection (1) 22 of this section. 23 (3) Each land bank created pursuant to the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act shall be deemed to be a public corporation 24 25 acting in a governmental capacity and a political subdivision of 26 the state and shall have permanent and perpetual duration until 27 terminated and dissolved in accordance with section 14 of this act.

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1 (4) The primary goal of any land bank shall be to

- 2 facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent
- 3 properties to productive use.
- 4 Sec. 5. (1) The board shall consist of an odd number
- 5 of members as specified under section 4 of this act and shall
- 6 include members who represent the public, private, and nonprofit
- 7 sectors and who have verifiable skills, expertise, and knowledge
- 8 in the areas of market-rate and affordable residential, commercial,
- 9 industrial, and mixed-use real estate development, financing, law,
- 10 purchasing and sales, asset management, and economic and community
- 11 development. Regardless of the total number of board members
- 12 specified under section 4 of this act, the board shall include the
- 13 following members:
- 14 (a) At least one member representing realtors;
- 15 (b) At least one member representing the banking
- 16 <u>industry;</u>
- 17 (c) At least one member representing real estate
- 18 developers;
- 19 <u>(d) At least one member representing a chamber of</u>
- 20 commerce; and
- 21 (e) At least one member representing a nonprofit
- 22 corporation involved in affordable housing.
- 23 (2) The members of the board shall select annually from
- 24 among themselves a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a treasurer,
- 25 and such other officers as the board may determine.
- 26 (3) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same
- 27 manner as the original appointment.

1 (4) Board members shall serve without compensation.

- 2 (5) The board shall meet in regular session according to
- 3 a schedule adopted by the board and shall also meet in special
- 4 session as convened by the chairperson or upon written notice
- 5 signed by a majority of the members. The presence of a majority of
- 6 the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
- 7 (6) Members of a board shall not be liable personally on
- 8 the bonds or other obligations of the land bank, and the rights of
- 9 creditors shall be solely against such land bank.
- 10 Sec. 6. A land bank may employ such agents and employees,
- 11 permanent or temporary, as it may require, and may determine
- 12 the qualifications and fix the compensation and benefits of such
- 13 persons.
- 14 Sec. 7. (1) A land bank shall have the following powers:
- 15 (a) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the regulation
- of its affairs and the conduct of its business;
- 17 (b) To sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be
- 18 impleaded in all civil actions;
- 19 <u>(c) To borrow money from private lenders, from</u>
- 20 <u>municipalities</u>, from the state, or from federal government funds as
- 21 may be necessary for the operation and work of the land bank;
- 22 (d) To issue negotiable revenue bonds and notes according
- 23 to the provisions of the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act;
- (e) To procure insurance or guarantees from the state or
- 25 federal government of the payments of any debts or parts thereof
- 26 incurred by the land bank and to pay premiums in connection
- 27 therewith;

1 (f) To enter into contracts and other instruments 2 necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of its 3 duties and the exercise of its powers, including, but not limited 4 to, agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the joint 5 exercise of powers under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act; 6 (g) To enter into contracts and other instruments 7 necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of 8 functions by the land bank on behalf of municipalities or 9 agencies or departments of municipalities, or the performance by 10 municipalities or agencies or departments of municipalities of 11 functions on behalf of the land bank; 12 (h) To make and execute contracts and other instruments 13 necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the land 14 bank; 15 (i) To provide foreclosure prevention counseling and 16 re-housing assistance; 17 (j) To procure insurance against losses in connection 18 with the real property, assets, or activities of the land bank; 19 (k) To invest money of the land bank, at the discretion of the board, in instruments, obligations, securities, or property 20 21 determined proper by the board and name and use depositories for 22 its money; 23 (1) To enter into contracts for the management of, the collection of rent from, or the sale of real property of the land 24 25 bank; 26 (m) To design, develop, construct, demolish, reconstruct,

rehabilitate, renovate, relocate, and otherwise improve real

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1 property or rights or interests in real property of the land bank;

- 2 (n) To fix, charge, and collect fees and charges for
- 3 services provided by the land bank;
- 4 (o) To fix, charge, and collect rents and leasehold
- 5 payments for the use of real property of the land bank for up
- 6 to twelve months after such real property is acquired by the land
- 7 bank;
- 8 (p) To grant or acquire a license, easement, lease, as
- 9 lessor and as lessee, or option with respect to real property of
- 10 the land bank;
- 11 (q) To enter into partnerships, joint ventures, and other
- 12 collaborative relationships with municipalities and other public
- 13 and private entities for the ownership, management, development,
- 14 and disposition of real property; and
- 15 <u>(r) To do all other things necessary or convenient to</u>
- 16 achieve the objectives and purposes of the Nebraska Municipal Land
- 17 Bank Act.
- 18 (2) A land bank shall neither possess nor exercise the
- 19 power of eminent domain.
- Sec. 8. (1) A land bank may acquire real property or
- 21 interests in real property by gift, devise, transfer, exchange,
- 22 foreclosure, purchase, or otherwise on terms and conditions and in
- 23 <u>a manner the land bank considers proper.</u>
- 24 (2) A land bank may acquire real property by purchase
- 25 contracts, lease-purchase agreements, installment sales contracts,
- 26 or land contracts and may accept transfers from municipalities
- 27 upon such terms and conditions as agreed to by the land bank and

1 the municipality. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,

- 2 any municipality may transfer to the land bank real property and
- 3 interests in real property of the municipality on such terms and
- 4 conditions and according to such procedures as determined by the
- 5 municipality.
- 6 (3) A land bank shall maintain all of its real property
- 7 in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the jurisdiction in
- 8 which the real property is located.
- 9 (4) A land bank shall not own or hold real property
- 10 located outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the municipality
- or municipalities that created the land bank.
- 12 (5) A land bank may accept transfers of real property
- 13 and interests in real property from a land reutilization authority
- 14 on such terms and conditions, and according to such procedures,
- 15 as mutually determined by the transferring land reutilization
- 16 authority and the land bank.
- 17 Sec. 9. The real property of a land bank and the land
- 18 bank's income and operations are exempt from all taxation by the
- 19 <u>state or any political subdivision thereof.</u>
- 20 Sec. 10. (1) A land bank shall hold in its own name
- 21 all real property acquired by the land bank irrespective of the
- 22 <u>identity of the transferor of such property.</u>
- 23 (2) A land bank shall maintain and make available for
- 24 public review and inspection an inventory of all real property held
- 25 by the land bank.
- 26 (3) A land bank shall determine and set forth in policies
- 27 and procedures of the board the general terms and conditions for

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consideration to be received by the land bank for the transfer of 1 2 real property and interests in real property, which consideration 3 may take the form of monetary payments and secured financial 4 obligations, covenants and conditions related to the present 5 and future use of the property, contractual commitments of the 6 transferee, and such other forms of consideration as determined by 7 the board to be in the best interest of the land bank. 8 (4) A land bank may convey, exchange, sell, transfer, 9 lease as lessee, grant, release and demise, pledge, and hypothecate 10 any and all interests in, upon, or to real property of the land 11 bank. 12 (5) The municipality or municipalities that created the 13 land bank may establish by resolution or ordinance a hierarchical 14 ranking of priorities for the use of real property conveyed by a 15 land bank. Such ranking shall take into consideration the highest 16 and best use that, when possible, will bring the greatest benefit 17 to the community. The priorities may include, but are not limited 18 to, (a) use for purely public spaces and places, (b) use for affordable housing, (c) use for retail, commercial, and industrial 19 20 activities, and (d) such other uses and in such hierarchical order 21 as determined by the municipality or municipalities. 22 (6) The municipality or municipalities that created 23 the land bank may require by resolution or ordinance that any 24 particular form of disposition of real property, or any disposition

of real property located within specified jurisdictions, be subject

to specified voting and approval requirements of the board. Except

1 may delegate to officers and employees the authority to enter into

- 2 and execute agreements, instruments of conveyance, and all other
- 3 related documents pertaining to the conveyance of real property by
- 4 the land bank.
- 5 Sec. 11. (1) A land bank may receive funding through
- 6 grants and loans from the municipality or municipalities that
- 7 created the land bank, from other municipalities, from the state,
- 8 from the federal government, and from other public and private
- 9 sources.
- 10 (2) A land bank may receive and retain payments for
- 11 services rendered, for rents and leasehold payments received, for
- 12 consideration for disposition of real and personal property, for
- 13 proceeds of insurance coverage for losses incurred, for income
- 14 from investments, and for any other asset and activity lawfully
- 15 permitted to a land bank under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank
- 16 Act.
- 17 (3) Fifty percent of the real property taxes collected
- 18 on real property conveyed by a land bank pursuant to the laws of
- 19 this state shall be remitted to the land bank. Such allocation of
- 20 property tax revenue shall commence with the first taxable year
- 21 following the date of conveyance and shall continue for a period of
- 22 five years.
- 23 Sec. 12. (1) A land bank shall have the power to issue
- 24 bonds for any of its corporate purposes, the principal and interest
- 25 of which are payable from its revenue generally. Any of such bonds
- 26 shall be secured by a pledge of any revenue of the land bank or by
- 27 <u>a mortgage of any property of the land bank.</u>

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1 (2) The bonds issued by a land bank are hereby declared 2 to have all the qualities of negotiable instruments under the 3 Uniform Commercial Code. 4 (3) The bonds of a land bank and the income therefrom 5 shall at all times be exempt from all taxes imposed by the state or 6 any political subdivision thereof. 7 (4) Bonds issued by the land bank shall be authorized by 8 resolution of the board and shall be limited obligations of the 9 land bank. The principal and interest, costs of issuance, and other 10 costs incidental thereto shall be payable solely from the income 11 and revenue derived from the sale, lease, or other disposition 12 of the assets of the land bank. Any refunding bonds issued shall 13 be payable from any source described above or from the investment 14 of any of the proceeds of the refunding bonds, and shall not 15 constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of any 16 municipality within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory 17 limitation of indebtedness and shall contain a recital to that 18 effect. Bonds of the land bank shall be issued in such form, shall 19 be in such denominations, shall bear interest, shall mature in such 20 manner, and shall be executed by one or more members of the board 21 as provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance thereof. 22 Such bonds may be subject to redemption at the option of and in the 23 manner determined by the board in the resolution authorizing the 24 issuance thereof. 25 (5) Bonds issued by the land bank shall be issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with the terms and provisions of a 26

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resolution adopted by the board. The board may sell such bonds in

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1 such manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price

- 2 as it may determine to be in the best interests of the land bank.
- 3 The resolution issuing bonds shall be published in a newspaper of
- 4 general circulation within the municipality or municipalities that
- 5 created the land bank.
- 6 (6) Neither the members of the board nor any person
- 7 executing the bonds shall be liable personally on any such bonds by
- 8 reason of the issuance thereof. Such bonds or other obligations of
- 9 a land bank shall not be a debt of any municipality and shall so
- 10 state on their face, nor shall any municipality nor any revenue or
- 11 any property of any municipality be liable therefor.
- 12 Sec. 13. (1) The board shall cause minutes and a record
- 13 to be kept of all its proceedings. Meetings of the land bank shall
- 14 be subject to the Open Meetings Act.
- 15 (2) The board shall provide monthly reports to the
- 16 municipality or municipalities that created the land bank on
- 17 the board's activities pursuant to the Nebraska Municipal Land
- 18 Bank Act. The board shall also provide an annual report to the
- 19 municipality or municipalities that created the land bank by
- 20 December 31 of each year summarizing the board's activities for the
- 21 year.
- 22 Sec. 14. A land bank may be dissolved sixty calendar days
- 23 after a resolution of dissolution is approved by two-thirds of the
- 24 membership of the board and by two-thirds of the membership of the
- 25 governing body of the municipality or municipalities that created
- 26 the land bank. The board shall give sixty calendar days advance
- 27 written notice of its consideration of a resolution of dissolution

1 by publishing such notice in a newspaper of general circulation

- 2 within the municipality or municipalities that created the land
- 3 bank and shall send such notice by certified mail to the trustee
- 4 of any outstanding bonds of the land bank. Upon dissolution of the
- 5 land bank, all real property, personal property, and other assets
- 6 of the land bank shall become the assets of the municipality or
- 7 municipalities that created the land bank.
- 8 Sec. 15. No member of the board or employee of a land
- 9 bank shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in real
- 10 property of the land bank, in any real property to be acquired by
- 11 the land bank, or in any real property to be acquired from the
- 12 land bank. No member of the board or employee of a land bank shall
- 13 have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed
- 14 contract for materials or services to be furnished or used by a
- 15 land bank.
- 16 Sec. 16. (1) Whenever any real property is acquired by a
- 17 land bank and is encumbered by a lien or claim for real property
- 18 taxes owed to one or more political subdivisions of the state, the
- 19 land bank may, by resolution of the board, discharge and extinguish
- 20 any and all such liens or claims. To the extent necessary and
- 21 appropriate, the land bank shall file in appropriate public records
- 22 evidence of the extinguishment and dissolution of such liens or
- 23 claims.
- 24 (2) To the extent that a land bank receives payments of
- 25 any kind attributable to liens or claims for real property taxes
- 26 owed to a political subdivision on property acquired by the land
- 27 bank, the land bank shall remit the full amount of the payments

1 to the county treasurer of the county that levied such taxes for

- 2 <u>distribution to the appropriate taxing entity.</u>
- 3 (3) (a) At a nonjudicial tax sale conducted pursuant to
- 4 Chapter 77, article 18, a land bank may tender a bid in one of the
- 5 following two ways:
- 6 (i) A land bank may tender a bid in an amount equal to
- 7 or greater than the total amount of all tax liens which were the
- 8 basis of the sale and any accrued interest and costs. In the event
- 9 of such tender by the land bank, the property shall be deemed sold
- 10 to the land bank if the land bank's bid is the highest bid received
- 11 for the real property; or
- 12 (ii) A land bank may tender a trump bid in an amount
- 13 equal to the total amount of all tax liens which were the basis
- 14 of the sale and any accrued interest and costs. In the event
- 15 of such tender by the land bank, the property shall be deemed
- 16 sold to the land bank regardless of any bids by any other third
- 17 parties. A trump bid may be tendered only if the board, by
- 18 two-thirds vote, passes a resolution stating that (A) the property
- 19 in question has been identified by the board or by the municipality
- 20 or municipalities that created the land bank as necessary for a
- 21 specifically identified public purpose or (B) there is a strong
- 22 concern that other bidders on the property in question would not
- 23 act to put the property into compliance with any applicable housing
- 24 or building codes or otherwise return the property to productive
- 25 use.
- 26 (b) The bid of the land bank shall be paid as to its
- 27 form, substance, and timing according to such agreement as is

1 mutually acceptable to the county treasurer and the land bank. The

- 2 obligation of the land bank to perform in accordance with such
- 3 agreement shall be deemed to be in full satisfaction of the tax
- 4 lien that was the basis for the sale.
- 5 (c) The notice provided for in section 77-1802 shall
- 6 contain reference to a potential bid by a land bank.
- 7 (4) (a) A land bank may tender a bid at any sale ordered
- 8 by the court pursuant to Chapter 77, article 19, in one of the
- 9 following two ways:
- 10 (i) A land bank may tender a bid in an amount equal to or
- 11 greater than the total amount of all claims and liens which were
- 12 the basis for the sale. In the event of such tender by the land
- 13 bank, the property shall be deemed sold to the land bank if the
- 14 land bank's bid is the highest bid received for the real property;
- 15 <u>or</u>
- 16 (ii) A land bank may tender a trump bid in an amount
- 17 equal to the total amount of all claims and liens which were the
- 18 basis for the sale. In the event of such tender by the land bank,
- 19 the property shall be deemed sold to the land bank regardless of
- 20 any bids by any other third parties. A trump bid may be tendered
- 21 only if the board, by two-thirds vote, passes a resolution stating
- 22 that (A) the property in question has been identified by the board
- 23 or by the municipality or municipalities that created the land bank
- 24 as necessary for a specifically identified public purpose or (B)
- 25 there is a strong concern that other bidders on the property in
- 26 question would not act to put the property into compliance with
- 27 any applicable housing or building codes or otherwise return the

- 1 property to productive use.
- 2 (b) The bid of the land bank shall be paid as to
- 3 its form, substance, and timing according to such agreement as
- 4 is mutually acceptable to the plaintiff and the land bank. The
- 5 obligation of the land bank to perform in accordance with such
- 6 agreement shall be deemed to be in full satisfaction of the tax
- 7 lien or liens that were the basis for the sale. Final confirmation
- 8 of sale shall be as provided in section 77-1903.
- 9 Sec. 17. The Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act terminates
- 10 on December 31, 2032.
- 11 Sec. 18. Section 77-1736.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 12 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:
- 13 77-1736.06 The following procedure shall apply when
- 14 making a property tax refund:
- 15 (1) Within thirty days of the entry of a final
- 16 nonappealable order, an unprotested determination of a county
- 17 assessor, an unappealed decision of a county board of equalization,
- 18 or other final action requiring a refund of real or personal
- 19 property taxes paid or, for property valued by the state, within
- 20 thirty days of a recertification of value by the Property Tax
- 21 Administrator pursuant to section 77-1775 or 77-1775.01, the
- 22 county assessor shall determine the amount of refund due the
- 23 person entitled to the refund, certify that amount to the county
- 24 treasurer, and send a copy of such certification to the person
- 25 entitled to the refund. Within thirty days from the date the county
- 26 assessor certifies the amount of the refund, the county treasurer
- 27 shall notify each political subdivision, including any school

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district receiving a distribution pursuant to section 79-1073 or 1 2 79-1073.01 and any land bank receiving real property taxes pursuant to subsection (3) of section 11 of this act, of its respective 3 4 share of the refund, except that for any political subdivision 5 whose share of the refund is two hundred dollars or less, the county board may waive this notice requirement. Notification shall 6 7 be by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the last-known address 8 of record of the political subdivision. The county treasurer shall 9 pay the refund from funds in his or her possession belonging to 10 any political subdivision, including any school district receiving a distribution pursuant to section 79-1073 or 79-1073.01 and any 11 12 land bank receiving real property taxes pursuant to subsection (3) 13 of section 11 of this act, which received any part of the tax or 14 penalty being refunded. If sufficient funds are not available or 15 the political subdivision, within thirty days of the mailing of 16 the notice by the county treasurer if applicable, certifies to the 17 county treasurer that a hardship would result and create a serious interference with its governmental functions if the refund of the 18 19 tax or penalty is paid, the county treasurer shall register the refund or portion thereof which remains unpaid as a claim against 20 such political subdivision and shall issue the person entitled 21 22 to the refund a receipt for the registration of the claim. The 23 certification by a political subdivision declaring a hardship shall be binding upon the county treasurer; 24 25 (2) The refund of a tax or penalty or the receipt for 26 the registration of a claim made or issued pursuant to this section

shall be satisfied in full as soon as practicable and in no event

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1 later than five years from the date the final order or other action

- 2 approving a refund is entered. The governing body of the political
- 3 subdivision shall make provisions in its budget for the amount of
- 4 any refund or claim to be satisfied pursuant to this section. If a
- 5 receipt for the registration of a claim is given:
- 6 (a) Such receipt shall be applied to satisfy any tax
- 7 levied or assessed by that political subdivision next falling due
- 8 from the person holding the receipt after the sixth next succeeding
- 9 levy is made on behalf of the political subdivision following the
- 10 final order or other action approving the refund; and
- 11 (b) To the extent the amount of such receipt exceeds
- 12 the amount of such tax liability, the unsatisfied balance of the
- 13 receipt shall be paid and satisfied within the five-year period
- 14 prescribed in this subdivision from a combination of a credit
- 15 against taxes anticipated to be due to the political subdivision
- 16 during such period and cash payment from any funds expected to
- 17 accrue to the political subdivision pursuant to a written plan to
- 18 be filed by the political subdivision with the county treasurer
- 19 no later than thirty days after the claim against the political
- 20 subdivision is first reduced by operation of a credit against taxes
- 21 due to such political subdivision.
- 22 If a political subdivision fails to fully satisfy the
- 23 refund or claim prior to the sixth next succeeding levy following
- 24 the entry of a final nonappealable order or other action approving
- 25 a refund, interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance commencing on
- 26 the sixth next succeeding levy following such entry or action at
- 27 the rate set forth in section 45-103;

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1 (3) The county treasurer shall mail the refund or the 2 receipt by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the last-known 3 address of the person entitled thereto. Multiple refunds to the 4 same person may be combined into one refund or credit. If a refund 5 is not claimed by June 1 of the year following the year of mailing,

- 6 the refund shall be canceled and the resultant amount credited to
- 7 the various funds originally charged;
- 8 (4) When the refund involves property valued by the 9 state, the Tax Commissioner shall be authorized to negotiate a 10 settlement of the amount of the refund or claim due pursuant to 11 this section on behalf of the political subdivision from which 12 such refund or claim is due. Any political subdivision which does not agree with the settlement terms as negotiated may reject such 13 14 terms, and the refund or claim due from the political subdivision 15 then shall be satisfied as set forth in this section as if no such 16 negotiation had occurred;
- 17 (5) In the event that the Legislature appropriates state
 18 funds to be disbursed for the purposes of satisfying all or any
 19 portion of any refund or claim, the Tax Commissioner shall order
 20 the county treasurer to disburse such refund amounts directly to
 21 the persons entitled to the refund in partial or total satisfaction
 22 of such persons' claims. The county treasurer shall disburse such
 23 amounts within forty-five days after receipt thereof; and
- 24 (6) If all or any portion of the refund is reduced by
 25 way of settlement or forgiveness by the person entitled to the
 26 refund, the proportionate amount of the refund that was paid by
 27 an appropriation of state funds shall be reimbursed by the county

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1 treasurer to the State Treasurer within forty-five days after

- 2 receipt of the settlement agreement or receipt of the forgiven
- 3 refund. The amount so reimbursed shall be credited to the General
- 4 Fund.
- 5 Sec. 19. Section 77-1737, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 6 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 7 77-1737 No county or township board, city council, or
- 8 village trustees shall have the power to release, discharge, remit,
- 9 or commute any portion of the taxes assessed or levied against
- 10 any person or property within their respective jurisdictions for
- 11 any reason whatever. Any taxes, so discharged, released, remitted,
- 12 or commuted, may be recovered by civil action from the members of
- 13 any such board, council, or trustees, and the sureties on their
- 14 official bonds at the suit of any citizen of the county, township,
- 15 city, or village, as the case may be, and when collected shall be
- 16 paid into the proper treasury. The provisions of this section shall
- 17 not be construed to prevent the proper authority from refunding
- 18 taxes paid, as provided in section 77-1735, nor to interfere with
- 19 the powers of any officers or board sitting as a board for the
- 20 equalization of taxes, or to prohibit the extinguishment of taxes
- 21 by a land bank pursuant to section 16 of this act.
- 22 Sec. 20. Section 77-1759, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 23 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 77-1759 The county treasurer shall, after deducting any
- 25 amount remitted to a land bank pursuant to subsection (3) of
- 26 section 11 of this act, report and pay over the amount of tax and
- 27 special assessments due to towns, districts, cities, villages, all

1 other taxing units, corporations, and persons, collected by him or

- 2 her, when demanded by the proper authorities or persons. Upon a
- 3 demand, one payment shall be for the funds collected or received
- 4 during the previous calendar month and shall be paid not later
- 5 than the fifteenth of the following month. A second demand may
- 6 be made prior to the fifteenth of the month on taxes and special
- 7 assessments collected or received, during the first fifteen days of
- 8 the month. The second demand shall be paid not later than the last
- 9 day of the month.
- 10 Sec. 21. Section 77-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 77-1802 The county treasurer shall, not less than four
- 13 nor more than six weeks prior to the first Monday of March in each
- 14 year, make out a list of all real property subject to sale and the
- 15 amount of all delinquent taxes against each item, describing the
- 16 property as it is described on the tax list, with an accompanying
- 17 notice stating that so much of such property described in the list
- 18 as may be necessary for that purpose will, on the first Monday of
- 19 March next thereafter, be sold by such county treasurer at public
- 20 auction at his or her office for the taxes, interest, and costs
- 21 thereon. Such notice shall contain reference to a potential bid by
- 22 a land bank at such public auction pursuant to section 16 of this
- 23 act.
- 24 Sec. 22. Section 77-1810, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 25 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 26 77-1810 Whenever (1) Except as otherwise provided in
- 27 subsection (2) of this section, whenever any real property

1 subject to sale for taxes is within the corporate limits of any

- 2 city, village, school district, drainage district, or irrigation
- 3 district, it shall have the right and power through its governing
- 4 board or body to purchase such real property for the use and
- 5 benefit and in the name of the city, village, school district,
- 6 drainage district, or irrigation district as the case may be. The
- 7 treasurer of the city, village, school district, drainage district,
- 8 or irrigation district may assign the certificate of purchase by
- 9 endorsement of his or her name on the back thereof when directed so
- 10 to do by written order of the governing board.
- 11 (2)(a) No such sale shall be made to any city, village,
- 12 school district, drainage district, or irrigation district by the
- 13 county treasurer when the real property has been previously sold
- 14 to the county, but in any such case, the city, village, school
- 15 district, drainage district, or irrigation district may purchase
- 16 the tax certificate held by the county.
- 17 (b) No such sale shall be made to any city, village,
- 18 school district, drainage district, or irrigation district by the
- 19 county treasurer if a trump bid has been tendered for such real
- 20 property by a land bank pursuant to subdivision (3)(a)(ii) or
- 21 (4)(a)(ii) of section 16 of this act.
- 22 Sec. 23. Section 77-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 23 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:
- 24 77-1912 (1) The sheriff shall sell the real property in
- 25 the same manner provided by law for a sale on execution and shall
- 26 at once pay the proceeds thereof to the clerk of the district
- 27 court. Any If a land bank has not tendered a trump bid on the

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1 real property pursuant to subdivision (3)(a)(ii) or (4)(a)(ii) of

- 2 section 16 of this act, any governmental subdivision of the state,
- 3 municipal corporation, or drainage or irrigation district to which
- 4 any part of the taxes included in the decree of foreclosure is due
- 5 may purchase any such real property sold at sheriff's sale. The
- 6 provisions of the law for the protection of the purchasers at tax
- 7 sales shall apply to purchasers at foreclosure sales provided for
- 8 in this section. The sheriff or officer conducting the sale shall
- 9 not be entitled to any commission on the money received and paid
- 10 out on foreclosure sales provided for herein.
- 11 (2) The sheriff or officer conducting the sale may, for
- 12 any cause he or she deems expedient, postpone the sale of all or
- 13 any portion of the real property from time to time until it is
- 14 completed, and in every such case, notice of postponement shall
- 15 be given by public declaration thereof by the sheriff or officer
- 16 at the time and place last appointed for the sale. The public
- 17 declaration of the notice of postponement shall include the new
- 18 date, time, and place of sale. No other notice of the postponed
- 19 sale need be given unless the sale is postponed for longer than
- 20 forty-five days beyond the day designated in the notice of sale,
- 21 in which event notice shall be given in the same manner as the
- 22 original notice of sale is required to be given.
- Sec. 24. Section 77-3213, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 77-3213 Sections 77-3201 to 77-3213 and section 25 of
- 26 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Land Reutilization
- 27 Act.

Sec. 25. Notwithstanding any provision of the Land

- 2 Reutilization Act to the contrary, a land reutilization authority
- 3 may transfer property held by such authority to a land bank created
- 4 under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act upon such terms and
- 5 conditions as may be agreed upon between the authority and the land
- 6 bank.
- 7 Sec. 25. Original sections 77-1737, 77-1759, 77-1802,
- 8 77-1810, and 77-3213, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
- 9 sections 77-1736.06 and 77-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 10 Supplement, 2010, are repealed.