AMENDMENTS TO LB788

Introduced by Schumacher

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
- 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) The enforcement and servicing of any real
- 4 estate loan agreement or any mortgage, deed of trust, or other
- 5 security instrument by which the loan is secured shall be pursuant
- 6 only to state and federal law. No local ordinance or resolution may
- 7 add to, change, interfere with any rights or obligations of, impose
- 8 upon, or require payment of fees or taxes of any kind by, a lender,
- 9 mortgagee, beneficiary, or trustee in a trust deed or servicer
- 10 relating to, or delay or affect the enforcement and servicing of,
- 11 any real estate loan agreement or any mortgage, deed of trust, or
- 12 other security instrument by which the loan is secured.
- 13 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to
- 14 any ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to the Community
- 15 <u>Development Law.</u>
- 16 Sec. 2. Section 8-162.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 18 8-162.02 (1) A state-chartered bank may deposit or have
- 19 on deposit funds of a fiduciary account controlled by the bank's
- 20 trust department unless prohibited by applicable law.
- 21 (2) To the extent that the funds are awaiting investment
- 22 or distribution and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal
- 23 Deposit Insurance Corporation, a state-chartered bank shall set

1 aside collateral as security under the control of appropriate

- 2 fiduciary officers and bank employees. The bank shall place pledged
- 3 assets of fiduciary accounts in the joint custody or control of not
- 4 fewer than two of the fiduciary officers or employees of the bank
- 5 designated for that purpose by the board of directors. The bank
- 6 may maintain the investments of a fiduciary account off-premises if
- 7 consistent with applicable law and if the bank maintains adequate
- 8 safeguards and controls. The market value of the collateral shall
- 9 at all times equal or exceed the amount of the uninsured or
- 10 unguaranteed fiduciary funds awaiting investment or distribution.
- 11 (3) A state-chartered bank may satisfy the collateral
- 12 requirements of this section with any of the following: (a)
- 13 Direct obligations of the United States or other obligations fully
- 14 guaranteed by the United States as to principal and interest; (b)
- 15 readily marketable securities of the classes in which banks, trust
- 16 companies, or other corporations exercising fiduciary powers are
- 17 permitted to invest fiduciary funds under applicable state law; and
- 18 (c) surety bonds, to the extent the surety bonds provide adequate
- 19 security, unless prohibited by applicable law.
- 20 (4) A state-chartered bank, acting in its fiduciary
- 21 capacity, may deposit funds of a fiduciary account that are
- 22 awaiting investment or distribution with an affiliated insured
- 23 depository institution unless prohibited by applicable law. The
- 24 bank may set aside collateral as security for a deposit by
- 25 or with an affiliate of fiduciary funds awaiting investment or
- 26 distribution, as it would if the deposit was made at the bank,
- 27 unless such action is prohibited by applicable law.

1 (5) Public funds deposited in and held by a

- 2 state-chartered bank are not subject to this section.
- 3 (6) This section does not apply to a fiduciary account
- 4 in which, pursuant to the terms of the governing instrument, full
- 5 investment authority is retained by the grantor or is vested in
- 6 persons or entities other than the state-chartered bank and the
- 7 bank, acting in its fiduciary capacity, does not have the power to
- 8 exert any influence over investment decisions.
- 9 Sec. 3. Section 8-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 10 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 11 8-1401 (1) No person organized under the Business
- 12 Corporation Act, the Credit Union Act, the Nebraska Banking Act,
- 13 the Nebraska Industrial Development Corporation Act, the Nebraska
- 14 Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Nebraska Professional Corporation
- 15 Act, the Nebraska Trust Company Act, or Chapter 8, article 3, or
- 16 otherwise authorized to conduct business in Nebraska or organized
- 17 under the laws of the United States, shall be required to disclose
- 18 any records or information, financial or otherwise, that it deems
- 19 confidential concerning its affairs or the affairs of any person
- 20 with which it is doing business to any person, party, agency, or
- 21 organization, unless:
- 22 (a) The disclosure relates to a lawyers trust account
- 23 and is required to be made to the Counsel for Discipline of the
- 24 Nebraska Supreme Court pursuant to a rule adopted by the Nebraska
- 25 Supreme Court;
- 26 (b) The disclosure is governed by rules for discovery
- 27 promulgated pursuant to section 25-1273.01;

1 (c) The disclosure is made pursuant to section 5 of this

- 2 <u>act;</u>
- 3 (e) (d) The request for disclosure is made by a law
- 4 enforcement agency regarding a crime, a fraud, or any other
- 5 unlawful activity in which the person to whom the request for
- 6 disclosure is made is or may be a victim of such crime, fraud, or
- 7 unlawful activity;
- 8 $\frac{\text{(d)}}{\text{(e)}}$ The request for disclosure is made by a
- 9 governmental agency which is a duly constituted supervisory
- 10 regulatory agency of the person to whom the request for disclosure
- 11 is made and the disclosure relates to examinations, audits,
- 12 investigations, or inquiries of such persons;
- 13 (e) (f) The request for disclosure is made pursuant to
- 14 subpoena issued under the laws of this state by a governmental
- 15 agency exercising investigatory or adjudicative functions with
- 16 respect to a matter within the agency's jurisdiction;
- 17 (g) The production of records is pursuant to a
- 18 written demand of the Tax Commissioner under section 77-375;
- 19 (g) (h) There is first presented to such person a
- 20 subpoena, summons, or warrant issued by a court of competent
- 21 jurisdiction;
- 22 (h) (i) A statute by its terms or rules and regulations
- 23 adopted and promulgated thereunder requires the disclosure, other
- 24 than by subpoena, summons, warrant, or court order;
- 25 (i) (j) There is presented to such person an order of a
- 26 court of competent jurisdiction setting forth the exact nature and
- 27 limits of such required disclosure and a showing that all persons

1 to be affected by such order have had reasonable notice and an

- 2 opportunity to be heard upon the merits of such order;
- 3 (j) (k) The request for disclosure relates to information
- 4 or records regarding the balance due, monthly payments due, payoff
- 5 amounts, payment history, interest rates, due dates, or similar
- 6 information for indebtedness owed by a deceased person when the
- 7 request is made by a person having an ownership interest in real
- 8 estate or personal property which secures such indebtedness owed to
- 9 the person to whom the request for disclosure is made; or
- 10 (k) (1) There is first presented to such person the
- 11 written permission of the person about whom records or information
- 12 is being sought authorizing the release of the requested records or
- 13 information.
- 14 (2) Any person who makes a disclosure of records or
- 15 information as required by this section shall not be held civilly
- 16 or criminally liable for such disclosure in the absence of malice,
- 17 bad faith, intent to deceive, or gross negligence.
- 18 Sec. 4. Section 8-1402, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 19 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 20 8-1402 (1) Any person, party, agency, or organization
- 21 requesting disclosure of records or information pursuant to
- 22 section 8-1401 shall pay the costs of providing such records or
- 23 information, unless:
- 24 (a) The request for disclosure is made pursuant to
- 25 subdivision (1)(a) of section 8-1401 and a Nebraska Supreme Court
- 26 rule provides for the method of payment;
- 27 (b) The request is made pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of

1 section 8-1401 and the rules for discovery provide for the method

- 2 of payment;
- 3 (c) The request for disclosure is made pursuant to
- 4 subdivision (1)(c) or (1)(d) (1)(d) or (1)(e) of section 8-1401;
- 5 (d) Otherwise ordered by a court of competent
- 6 jurisdiction; or
- 7 (e) The person making the disclosure waives any or all of
- 8 the costs.
- 9 (2) The requesting person, party, agency, or organization
- 10 shall pay five dollars per hour per person for the time actually
- 11 spent on the service or, if such person can show that its actual
- 12 expense in providing the records or information was greater than
- 13 five dollars per hour per person, it shall be paid the actual cost
- 14 of providing the records or information.
- 15 (3) No person authorized to receive payment pursuant to
- 16 subsection (1) of this section has an obligation to provide any
- 17 records or information pursuant to section 8-1401 until assurances
- 18 are received that the costs due under this section will be paid,
- 19 except for requests made pursuant to subdivisions (1)(c), (1)(d),
- 20 $\frac{(1)(e)}{(1)(f)}$ and $\frac{(1)(f)}{(1)(d)}$ $\frac{(1)(e)}{(1)(e)}$, $\frac{(1)(f)}{(1)(f)}$, and $\frac{(1)(g)}{(1)(g)}$ of section
- 21 8-1401.
- 22 Sec. 5. (1) This section does not apply to:
- 23 (a) Real property owned by a decedent; or
- 24 (b) The contents of a safety deposit box rented by
- 25 a decedent from a state-chartered or federally chartered bank,
- 26 savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan
- 27 <u>association</u>, or credit union.

1 (2) After the death of a decedent, a person (a) indebted 2 to the decedent or (b) having possession of (i) personal property, 3 (ii) an instrument evidencing a debt, (iii) an obligation, (iv) 4 a chose in action, (v) a life insurance policy, (vi) a bank 5 account, (vii) a certificate of deposit, or (viii) intangible property, including annuities, fixed income investments, mutual 6 7 funds, cash, money market accounts, or stocks, belonging to the 8 decedent, shall furnish the value of the indebtedness or property 9 on the date of death and the names of the known or designated 10 beneficiaries of property described in this subsection to a person 11 who is (A) an heir at law of the decedent, (B) a devisee of the 12 decedent or a person nominated as a personal representative in a 13 will of the decedent, or (C) an agent or attorney authorized in 14 writing by any such person described in subdivision (A) or (B) of 15 this subdivision, with a copy of such authorization attached to 16 the affidavit, and who also presents an affidavit containing the 17 information required by subsection (3) of this section. 18 (3) An affidavit presented under subsection (2) of this 19 section shall state: 20 (a) The name, address, social security number if 21 available, and date of death of the decedent; 22 (b) The name and address of the affiant and that the 23 affiant is (A) an heir at law of the decedent, (B) a devisee of 24 the decedent or a person nominated as a personal representative in 25 a will of the decedent, or (C) an agent or attorney authorized in 26 writing by any such person described in subdivision (A) or (B) of 27 this subdivision;

1 (c) That the disclosure of the value on the date of 2 death is necessary to determine whether the decedent's estate can 3 be administered under the summary procedures set forth in section 4 30-24,125 to assist in the determination of the inheritance tax in 5 an estate that is not subject to probate or to assist a conservator 6 or guardian in the preparation of a final accounting subsequent to 7 the death of the decedent; 8 (d) That the affiant is answerable and accountable for 9 the information received to the decedent's personal representative, 10 if any, or to any other person having a superior right to the 11 property or indebtedness; 12 (e) That the affiant swears or affirms that all 13 statements in the affidavit are true and material and further 14 acknowledges that any false statement may subject the person to 15 penalties relating to perjury under section 28-915; and 16 (f) That no application or petition for the appointment 17 of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any 18 jurisdiction. 19 (4) A person presented with an affidavit under subsection 20 (2) of this section shall provide the requested information within 21 five business days after being presented with the affidavit. 22 (5) A person who acts in good faith reliance on an affidavit presented under subsection (2) of this section is immune 23 from liability for the disclosure of the requested information. 24 Sec. 6. Section 8-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of 25 Nebraska, is amended to read: 26

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8-1403 For purposes of sections 8-1401 and 8-1402 and

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- 1 <u>section 5 of this act</u>:
- 2 (1) Governmental agency means any agency, department, or
- 3 commission of this state or any authorized officer, employee, or
- 4 agent of such agency, department, or commission;
- 5 (2) Law enforcement agency means an agency or department
- 6 of this state or of any political subdivision of this state that
- 7 obtains, serves, and enforces arrest warrants or that conducts or
- 8 engages in prosecutions for violations of the law; and
- 9 (3) Person means any individual, corporation,
- 10 partnership, limited liability company, association, joint
- 11 stock association, trust, unincorporated organization, and any
- 12 other legal entity.
- 13 Sec. 7. Section 27-803, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 14 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 15 27-803 Subject to the provisions of section 27-403, the
- 16 following are not excluded by the hearsay rule, even though the
- 17 declarant is available as a witness:
- 18 (1) A statement relating to a startling event or
- 19 condition made while the declarant was under the stress of
- 20 excitement caused by the event or condition;
- 21 (2) A statement of the declarant's then existing state of
- 22 mind, emotion, sensation, or physical condition (such as intent,
- 23 plan, motive, design, mental feeling, pain, and bodily health),
- 24 but not including a statement of memory or belief to prove the
- 25 fact remembered or believed unless it relates to the execution,
- 26 revocation, identification, or terms of declarant's will;
- 27 (3) Statements made for purposes of medical diagnosis or

1 treatment and describing medical history, or past or present

- 2 symptoms, pain, or sensations, or the inception or general
- 3 character of the cause or external source thereof insofar as
- 4 reasonably pertinent to diagnosis or treatment;
- 5 (4) A memorandum or record concerning a matter about
- 6 which a witness once had knowledge but now has insufficient
- 7 recollection to enable him or her to testify fully and accurately,
- 8 shown to have been made or adopted by the witness when the matter
- 9 was fresh in his or her memory and to reflect that knowledge
- 10 correctly. If admitted, the memorandum or record may be read into
- 11 evidence but may not itself be received as an exhibit unless
- 12 offered by an adverse party;
- (5) (a) A memorandum, report, record, or data compilation,
- 14 in any form, of acts, events, or conditions, other than opinions
- 15 or diagnoses, made at or near the time of such acts, events, or
- 16 conditions, in the course of a regularly conducted activity, if it
- 17 was the regular course of such activity to make such memorandum,
- 18 report, record, or data compilation at the time of such act, event,
- 19 or condition, or within a reasonable time thereafter, as shown by
- 20 the testimony of the custodian or other qualified witness unless
- 21 the source of information or method or circumstances of preparation
- 22 indicate lack of trustworthiness. The circumstances of the making
- 23 of such memorandum, report, record, or data compilation, including
- 24 lack of personal knowledge by the entrant or maker, may be shown to
- 25 affect its weight. +
- 26 (b) A memorandum, report, record, or data compilation, in
- 27 any form, of acts, events, or conditions, other than opinions or

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diagnoses, that was received or acquired in the regular course of 1 2 business by an entity from another entity and has been incorporated 3 into and kept in the regular course of business of the receiving or 4 acquiring entity; that the receiving or acquiring entity typically 5 relies upon the accuracy of the contents of the memorandum, report, 6 record, or data compilation; and that the circumstances otherwise 7 indicate the trustworthiness of the memorandum, report, record, or 8 data compilation, as shown by the testimony of the custodian or 9 other qualified witness. Subdivision (5)(b) of this section shall 10 not apply in any criminal proceeding; (6) Evidence that a matter is not included in the 11 12 memoranda, reports, records, or data compilations, in any form, 13 kept in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (5) of this 14 section to prove the nonoccurrence or nonexistence of the matter, 15 if the matter was of a kind of which a memorandum, report, record, or data compilation was regularly made and preserved, unless the 16 sources of information or other circumstances indicate a lack of 17 18 trustworthiness; 19 (7) Upon reasonable notice to the opposing party prior to trial, records, reports, statements, or data compilations made by 20 21 a public official or agency of facts required to be observed and 22 recorded pursuant to a duty imposed by law, unless the sources of 23 information or the method or circumstances of the investigation are 24 shown by the opposing party to indicate a lack of trustworthiness; 25 (8) Records or data compilations, in any form, of births, 26 fetal deaths, deaths, or marriages, if the report thereof was made

to a public office pursuant to requirements of law;

1 (9) To prove the absence of a record, report, statement,

- 2 or data compilation, in any form, or the nonoccurrence or
- 3 nonexistence of a matter of which a record, report, statement, or
- 4 data compilation, in any form, was regularly made and preserved by
- 5 a public office or agency, evidence in the form of a certification
- 6 in accordance with section 27-902, or testimony, that diligent
- 7 search failed to disclose the record, report, statement, or data
- 8 compilation or entry;
- 9 (10) Statements of births, marriages, divorces, deaths,
- 10 legitimacy, ancestry, relationship by blood or marriage, or other
- 11 similar facts of personal or family history, contained in a
- 12 regularly kept record of a religious organization;
- 13 (11) Statements of fact contained in a certificate that
- 14 the maker performed a marriage or other ceremony or administered
- 15 a sacrament, made by a member of the clergy, public official, or
- 16 other person authorized by the rules or practices of a religious
- 17 organization or by law to perform the act certified, and purporting
- 18 to have been issued at the time of the act or within a reasonable
- 19 time thereafter;
- 20 (12) Statements of births, marriages, divorces, deaths,
- 21 legitimacy, ancestry, relationship by blood or marriage, or other
- 22 similar facts of personal or family history contained in family
- 23 Bibles, genealogies, charts, engravings on rings, inscriptions on
- 24 family portraits, engravings on urns, crypts, or tombstones or the
- 25 like;
- 26 (13) The record of a document purporting to establish or
- 27 affect an interest in property, as proof of the content of the

1 original recorded document and its execution and delivery by each

- 2 person by whom it purports to have been executed, if the record is
- 3 a record of a public office and an applicable statute authorized
- 4 the recording of documents of that kind in that office;
- 5 (14) A statement contained in a document purporting to
- 6 establish or affect an interest in property if the matter stated
- 7 was relevant to the purpose of the document, unless dealings with
- 8 the property since the document was made have been inconsistent
- 9 with the truth of the statement or the purport of the document;
- 10 (15) Statements in a document in existence thirty years
- 11 or more whose authenticity is established;
- 12 (16) Market quotations, tabulations, lists, directories,
- 13 or other published compilations, generally used and relied upon by
- 14 the public or by persons in particular occupations;
- 15 (17) Statements contained in published treatises,
- 16 periodicals, or pamphlets on a subject of history, medicine, or
- 17 other science or art, established as a reliable authority by the
- 18 testimony or admission of the witness or by other expert testimony
- 19 or by judicial notice, to the extent called to the attention of an
- 20 expert witness upon cross-examination or relied upon by the expert
- 21 witness in direct examination. If admitted, the statements may be
- 22 read into evidence but may not be received as exhibits;
- 23 (18) Reputation among members of his or her family by
- 24 blood, adoption, or marriage, or among his or her associates, or
- 25 in the community, concerning a person's birth, adoption, marriage,
- 26 divorce, death, legitimacy, relationship by blood, adoption, or
- 27 marriage, ancestry, or other similar fact of his or her personal or

1 family history;

2 (19) Reputation in a community, arising before the

- 3 controversy, as to boundaries of or customs affecting lands in
- 4 the community, and reputation as to events of general history
- 5 important to the community or state or nation in which located;
- 6 (20) Reputation of a person's character among his or her
- 7 associates or in the community;
- 8 (21) Evidence of a final judgment, entered after a
- 9 trial or upon a plea of guilty (but not upon a plea of nolo
- 10 contendere), adjudging a person guilty of a crime punishable by
- 11 death or imprisonment in excess of one year, to prove any fact
- 12 essential to sustain the judgment, but not including, when offered
- 13 by the government in a criminal prosecution for purposes other than
- 14 impeachment, judgments against a person other than the accused.
- 15 The pendency of an appeal may be shown but does not affect
- 16 admissibility;
- 17 (22) Judgments as proof of matters of personal, family,
- 18 or general history, or boundaries, essential to the judgment, if
- 19 the same would be provable by evidence of reputation; and
- 20 (23) A statement not specifically covered by any of
- 21 the foregoing exceptions but having equivalent circumstantial
- 22 guarantees of trustworthiness, if the court determines that (a)
- 23 the statement is offered as evidence of a material fact, (b) the
- 24 statement is more probative on the point for which it is offered
- 25 than any other evidence which the proponent can procure through
- 26 reasonable efforts, and (c) the general purposes of these rules and
- 27 the interests of justice will best be served by admission of the

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1 statement into evidence. A statement may not be admitted under this

- 2 exception unless the proponent of it makes known to the adverse
- 3 party, sufficiently in advance of the trial or hearing to provide
- 4 the adverse party with a fair opportunity to prepare to meet it,
- 5 his or her intention to offer the statement and the particulars of
- 6 it, including the name and address of the declarant.
- 7 Sec. 8. Section 30-2201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 9 30-2201 Sections 30-2201 to 30-2902, 30-3901 to 30-3923,
- 10 and 30-4001 to 30-4045 and section 9 of this act shall be known and
- 11 may be cited as the Nebraska Probate Code.
- 12 Sec. 9. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 13 (a) Custodian means a bank, savings and loan association,
- 14 credit union, or other institution acting as a lessor of a safe
- 15 deposit box; and
- 16 (b) Representative of a custodian means an authorized
- 17 officer or employee of a custodian.
- 18 (2)(a) If a decedent at the time of his or her death
- 19 was a sole or last surviving joint lessee of a safe deposit box,
- 20 the custodian shall, prior to notice that a personal representative
- 21 or special administrator has been appointed for such decedent's
- 22 estate, allow access to the safe deposit box to determine whether
- 23 the safe deposit box contains an instrument that appears to be an
- 24 original will of the decedent, a deed to a burial plot, or burial
- 25 instructions. The following persons may have such access:
- 26 (i) A person who presents an affidavit described in
- 27 <u>subsection</u> (4) of this section that affiant reasonably believes

that he or she is either (A) an heir at law of the decedent, 1

- 2 (B) a devisee of the decedent or a person nominated as a personal
- 3 representative as shown in a photocopy of a will which is attached
- 4 to such affidavit, or (C) the agent or attorney specifically
- 5 authorized in writing by a person described in subdivision
- 6 (2)(a)(i)(A) or (B) of this section; or
- 7 (ii) A person who, under the terms of the safe deposit
- 8 box lease or a power of attorney at the time of the decedent's
- 9 death, was legally permitted to enter the safe deposit box, unless
- 10 otherwise provided by the lease or the power of attorney.
- 11 (b) If a person described in subdivision (2)(a) of this 12 section desires access to a safe deposit box but does not possess 13 a key to the box, the custodian may open the safe deposit box 14 by any means necessary at the person's request and expense or the 15 custodian may require the person to obtain a court order for the 16 custodian to open the safe deposit box at the requesting person's 17 expense. The custodian shall retain, in a secure location at such person's expense, the contents of the box other than a purported 18 19 will, deed to a burial plot, and burial instructions. A custodian 20 shall deliver a purported will as described in subdivision (5)(b) 21 of this section. A person described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of 22 this section may remove a deed to a burial plot and burial 23 instructions that are not part of a purported will pursuant to subdivision (5)(d) of this section, and the custodian shall not 24
- 27 considered an estate administration expense.

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prevent the removal. Expenses incurred by a custodian or by the

person seeking the documents pursuant to this section shall be

1 (3) A representative of the custodian shall be present 2 during the entry of a safe deposit box pursuant to this section. 3 (4) The affidavit referred to in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section shall state: 4 5 (a) That the sole or last surviving lessor of a safe 6 deposit box has died and the date of his or her death, and a copy 7 of the death certificate shall be attached; 8 (b) If the person submitting the affidavit is an attorney 9 or agent of the affiant, that such appointment is for the purpose 10 of accompanying the opening of the safe deposit box. In lieu of 11 this statement, the appointment shall accompany the affidavit; and 12 (c) That the affiant: 13 (i)(A) Is an heir at law of the deceased lessor and a 14 description of such person's relationship to the deceased lessor; 15 (B) Is reasonably thought to be a devisee of the decedent 16 based on the provisions of a will, a photocopy of which is 17 submitted with the affidavit; or 18 (C) Is reasonably thought to be nominated as personal 19 representative pursuant to the terms of a will, a photocopy of 20 which is submitted with the affidavit; (ii) Swears or affirms that all statements in the 21 22 affidavit are true and material and further acknowledges that 23 any false statement may subject the person to penalties relating to 24 perjury under section 28-915; and 25 (iii) Has no knowledge of an application or petition for

26 the appointment of a personal representative pending or granted in 27 any jurisdiction.

1 (5) (a) If an instrument purporting to be a will is found 2 in a safe deposit box as the result of an entry pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the representative of the custodian 3 shall remove the purported will. 4 5 (b) The custodian shall mail the purported will by 6 registered or certified mail or deliver the purported will in 7 person to the clerk of the county court of the county in which the 8 decedent was a resident. If the custodian is unable to determine 9 the county of residence of the decedent, the custodian shall mail 10 the purported will by registered or certified mail or deliver the 11 purported will in person to the office of the clerk of the county 12 court of the county in which the safe deposit box is located. 13 (c) At the request of the person or persons authorized 14 to have access to the safe deposit box under subsection (2) of 15 this section, the representative of the custodian shall copy each 16 purported will of the decedent, at the expense of the requesting 17 person, and shall deliver the copy of each purported will to the person, or if directed by the person, to the person's agent or 18 19 attorney. In copying any purported will, the representative of the 20 custodian shall not remove any staples or other fastening devices 21 or disassemble the purported will in any way. 22 (d) If the safe deposit box contains a deed to a burial 23 plot or burial instructions that are not a part of a purported 24 will, the person or persons authorized to have access to the safe 25 deposit box under subsection (2) of this section may remove these 26 instruments or request that the representative of the custodian 27 copy the deed to the burial plot or burial instructions at the

- 1 expense of the requesting person.
- 2 (6) This section does not limit the right of a personal
- 3 representative or a special administrator for the decedent, or a
- 4 successor of the decedent pursuant to section 30-24,125, to have
- 5 access to the safe deposit box as otherwise provided by law.
- 6 (7) Unless limited by the safe deposit box lease, a
- 7 surviving co-lessee of the safe deposit box may continue to enter
- 8 the safe deposit box notwithstanding the death of the decedent.
- 9 (8) A custodian shall not be liable to a person for an
- 10 action taken pursuant to this section or for a failure to act in
- 11 accordance with the requirements of this section unless the action
- 12 or failure to act is shown to have resulted from the custodian's
- 13 bad faith, gross negligence, or intentional misconduct.
- 14 Sec. 10. Section 76-238.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 15 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 16 76-238.01 (1) Any interest in real property capable
- 17 of being transferred may be mortgaged to secure (a) existing
- 18 debts or obligations, to secure (b) debts or obligations created
- 19 simultaneously with the execution of the mortgage, to secure (c)
- 20 future advances necessary to protect the security, and to secure
- 21 even though such future advances cause the total indebtedness to
- 22 exceed the maximum amount stated in the mortgage, or (d) any future
- 23 advances to be made at the option of the parties in any amount
- 24 unless, except as otherwise provided under subsection (2) or (3)
- 25 of this section, a maximum amount of total indebtedness to be
- 26 <u>secured</u> is stated in the mortgage. At no time shall the secured
- 27 principal future advances, not including sums advanced to protect

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the security, exceed a total amount or percentage of a total amount stated in the mortgage. If the mortgage authorizes advances by a percentage of the mortgage amount, such advances shall not exceed that authorized percentage. All such debts, obligations, and future advances shall, from the time the mortgage is filed for record as provided by law, be secured by such mortgage equally with and have the same priority over the rights of all persons who subsequent to the recording of such mortgage acquire any rights in or liens upon the mortgaged real estate as the debts and obligations secured thereby at the time of the filing of the mortgage for record, except that (a) the mortgagor or his or her successor in title is hereby authorized to file for record, and the same shall be recorded, a notice limiting the amount of optional future advances secured by such mortgage to not less than the amount advanced actually at the time of such filing, and a copy of such filing shall be filed with the mortgagee, and (b) if any optional future advance shall be made by the mortgagee to the mortgagor or his or her successor in title after written notice of any mortgage, lien, or claim against such real property, or after written notice of labor commenced or material furnished or contracted to be commenced or furnished on such real property which is junior to such mortgage, then the amount of such advance shall be junior to such mortgage, lien, or claim, including a claim for materials delivered or labor performed which is ultimately filed as a construction lien and of which such written notice was given.

(2) Future advances necessary to protect the security shall include, but not be limited to, advances for payment of

1 real property taxes, special assessments, prior liens, hazard

- 2 insurance premiums, maintenance charges imposed under a condominium
- 3 declaration or other covenant, and costs of repair, maintenance,
- 4 or improvements. Future advances necessary to protect the security
- 5 are secured by the mortgage and have the priority specified in
- 6 subsection (3) of this section.
- 7 (3) (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this
- 8 subsection, all items identified in subsection (1) of this section
- 9 are equally secured by the mortgage from the time of filing the
- 10 mortgage as provided by law and have the same priority as the
- 11 mortgage over the rights of all other persons who acquire any
- 12 rights in or liens upon the mortgaged real property subsequent to
- 13 the time the mortgage was filed.
- 14 (b) (i) The mortgagor or his or her successor in title
- 15 may limit the amount of optional future advances secured by the
- 16 mortgage under subdivision (1)(d) of this section by filing a
- 17 notice for record in the office of the register of deeds of each
- 18 county in which the mortgaged real property or some part thereof
- 19 is situated. A copy of such notice shall be sent by certified mail
- 20 to the mortgagee at the address of the mortgagee set forth in the
- 21 mortgage or, if the mortgage has been assigned, to the address of
- 22 the most recent assignee reflected in a recorded assignment of the
- 23 mortgage. The amount of such secured optional future advances shall
- 24 be limited to not less than the amount actually advanced at the
- 25 time of receipt of such notice by the mortgagee.
- 26 (ii) If any optional future advance is made by the
- 27 mortgagee to the mortgagor or his or her successor in title

- after receiving written notice of the filing for record of any
 trust deed, mortgage, lien, or claim against such mortgaged real
- 3 property, then the amount of such optional future advance shall be
- 4 junior to such trust deed, mortgage, lien, or claim. The notice
- 5 under this subdivision shall be sent by certified mail to the
- 6 mortgagee at the address of the mortgagee set forth in the mortgage
- 7 or, if the mortgage has been assigned, to the address of the most
- 8 recent assignee reflected in a recorded assignment of the mortgage.
- 9 (iii) Subdivisions (b)(i) and (ii) of this subsection
- 10 shall not limit or determine the priority of optional future
- 11 advances as against construction liens governed by section 52-139.
- 12 (4) The reduction to zero or elimination of the debt
- 13 evidenced by the instruments authorized in this section shall not
- 14 invalidate the operation of this section as to any future advances
- 15 unless a notice or release to the contrary is filed for record as
- 16 provided by law.
- 17 Sec. 11. Section 76-1002, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 18 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 19 76-1002 (1) Transfers in trust of real property may be
- 20 made to secure (a) existing debts or obligations, (b) debts or
- 21 obligations created simultaneously with the execution of the trust
- 22 deed, (b) (c) future advances necessary to protect the security,
- 23 (c) even though such future advances cause the total indebtedness
- 24 to exceed the maximum amount stated in the trust deed, (d) any
- 25 future advances to be made at the option of the parties, in any
- 26 amount unless, except as otherwise provided under subsection (2) or
- 27 (3) of this section, a maximum amount of total indebtedness to be

1 <u>secured is stated in the trust deed, or (d) (e) the performance</u>

- 2 of an obligation of any other person named in the trust deed to a
- 3 beneficiary.
- 4 (2) Future advances necessary to protect the security
- 5 shall include, but not be limited to, advances for payment of
- 6 real property taxes, special assessments, prior liens, hazard
- 7 insurance premiums, maintenance charges imposed under a condominium
- 8 declaration or other covenant, and costs of repair, maintenance, or
- 9 improvements. Future advances necessary to protect the security are
- 10 secured by the trust deed and shall have the priority specified in
- 11 <u>subsection (3) of this section.</u>
- 12 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this
- 13 subsection, all items identified in subsection (1) of this section
- 14 are equally secured by the trust deed from the time of filing the
- 15 trust deed as provided by law and have the same priority as the
- 16 trust deed over the rights of all other persons who acquire any
- 17 rights in or liens upon the trust property subsequent to the time
- 18 the trust deed was filed.
- 19 (b) (i) The trustor or his or her successor in title may
- 20 limit the amount of optional future advances secured by the trust
- 21 deed under subdivision (1)(c) (1)(d) of this section by filing
- 22 a notice for record in the office of the register of deeds of
- 23 each county in which the trust property or some part thereof is
- 24 situated. A copy of such notice shall be sent by certified mail to
- 25 the beneficiary at the address of the beneficiary set forth in the
- 26 trust deed or, if the trust deed has been assigned, to the address
- 27 of the most recent assignee reflected in a recorded assignment of

1 the trust deed. The amount of such secured optional future advances

- 2 shall be limited to not less than the amount actually advanced at
- 3 the time of receipt of such notice by the beneficiary.
- 4 (ii) If any optional future advance is made by the
- 5 beneficiary to the trustor or his or her successor in title after
- 6 receiving written notice of the filing for record of any trust
- 7 deed, mortgage, lien, or claim against such trust property, then
- 8 the amount of such optional future advance shall be junior to
- 9 such trust deed, mortgage, lien, or claim. The notice under this
- 10 subdivision shall be sent by certified mail to the beneficiary at
- 11 the address of the beneficiary set forth in the trust deed or, if
- 12 the trust deed has been assigned, to the address of the most recent
- 13 assignee reflected in a recorded assignment of the trust deed.
- 14 (iii) Subdivisions (b)(i) and (ii) of this subsection
- 15 shall not limit or determine the priority of optional future
- 16 advances as against construction liens governed by section 52-139.
- 17 (4) The reduction to zero or elimination of the
- 18 obligation evidenced by any of the transfers in trust authorized by
- 19 this section shall not invalidate the operation of this section as
- 20 to any future advances unless a notice or release to the contrary
- 21 is filed for record as provided by law. All right, title, interest,
- 22 and claim in and to the trust property acquired by the trustor
- 23 or his or her successors in interest subsequent to the execution
- 24 of the trust deed shall inure to the trustee as security for the
- 25 obligation or obligations for which the trust property is conveyed
- 26 in like manner as if acquired before execution of the trust deed.
- 27 Sec. 12. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 9

- 1 of this act within Chapter 30, article 24, part 1.
- Sec. 13. Original sections 8-162.02, 8-1401, 8-1402,
- 3 8-1403, 27-803, and 76-238.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, and sections 30-2201 and 76-1002, Revised Statutes
- 5 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.