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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 592**

Introduced by Crawford, 45.

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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections
- 2 77-5725 and 77-5726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016;
- 3 to change the tax incentives available under the Nebraska Advantage
- 4 Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 2 2016, is amended to read:
- 3 77-5725 (1) Applicants may qualify for benefits under the Nebraska
- 4 Advantage Act in one of six tiers:
- 5 (a) Tier 1, investment in qualified property of at least one million
- 6 dollars and the hiring of at least ten new employees. There shall be no
- 7 new project applications for benefits under this tier filed after
- 8 December 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before
- 9 December 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and
- 10 approved if the project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may
- 11 be executed with regard to completed project applications filed on or
- 12 before December 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or
- 13 entered into before such date shall continue in full force and effect;
- 14 (b) Tier 2, (i) investment in qualified property of at least three
- 15 million dollars and the hiring of at least thirty new employees or (ii)
- 16 for a large data center project, investment in qualified property for the
- 17 data center of at least two hundred million dollars and the hiring for
- 18 the data center of at least thirty new employees. There shall be no new
- 19 project applications for benefits under this tier filed after December
- 20 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before December
- 21 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and approved if the
- 22 project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may be executed
- 23 with regard to completed project applications filed on or before December
- 24 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or entered into
- 25 before such date shall continue in full force and effect;
- 26 (c) Tier 3, the hiring of at least thirty new employees. There shall
- 27 be no new project applications for benefits under this tier filed after
- 28 December 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before
- 29 December 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and
- 30 approved if the project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may
- 31 be executed with regard to completed project applications filed on or

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before December 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or
entered into before such date shall continue in full force and effect;

- 3 (d) Tier 4, investment in qualified property of at least ten million dollars and the hiring of at least one hundred new employees. There shall 4 be no new project applications for benefits under this tier filed after 5 December 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before 6 December 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and 7 approved if the project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may 8 9 be executed with regard to completed project applications filed on or before December 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or 10 entered into before such date shall continue in full force and effect; 11
  - (e) Tier 5, (i) investment in qualified property of at least thirty million dollars or (ii) for the production of electricity by using one or more sources of renewable energy to produce electricity for sale as described in subdivision (1)(j) of section 77-5715, investment qualified property of at least twenty million dollars. Failure to maintain an average number of equivalent employees as defined in section 77-5727 greater than or equal to the number of equivalent employees in the base year shall result in a partial recapture of benefits. There shall be no new project applications for benefits under this tier filed after December 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before December 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and approved if the project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may be executed with regard to completed project applications filed on or before December 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or entered into before such date shall continue in full force and effect; and
- (f) Tier 6, investment in qualified property of at least ten million dollars and the hiring of at least seventy-five new employees or the investment in qualified property of at least one hundred million dollars and the hiring of at least fifty new employees. There shall be no new

- 1 project applications for benefits under this tier filed after December
- 2 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before December
- 3 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and approved if the
- 4 project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may be executed
- 5 with regard to completed project applications filed on or before December
- 6 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or entered into
- 7 before such date shall continue in full force and effect.
- 8 (2) When the taxpayer has met the required levels of employment and
- 9 investment contained in the agreement for a tier 1, tier 2, tier 4, tier
- 10 5, or tier 6 project, the taxpayer shall be entitled to the following
- 11 incentives:
- 12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section, a A refund
- 13 of all sales and use taxes for a tier 2, tier 4, tier 5, or tier 6
- 14 project or a refund of one-half of all sales and use taxes for a tier 1
- 15 project paid under the Local Option Revenue Act, the Nebraska Revenue Act
- 16 of 1967, and sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 from the date of the
- 17 application through the meeting of the required levels of employment and
- 18 investment for all purchases, including rentals, of:
- (i) Qualified property used as a part of the project;
- 20 (ii) Property, excluding motor vehicles, based in this state and
- 21 used in both this state and another state in connection with the project
- 22 except when any such property is to be used for fundraising for or for
- 23 the transportation of an elected official;
- 24 (iii) Tangible personal property by a contractor or repairperson
- 25 after appointment as a purchasing agent of the owner of the improvement
- 26 to real estate when such property is incorporated into real estate as a
- 27 part of a project. The refund shall be based on fifty percent of the
- 28 contract price, excluding any land, as the cost of materials subject to
- 29 the sales and use tax;
- 30 (iv) Tangible personal property by a contractor or repairperson
- 31 after appointment as a purchasing agent of the taxpayer when such

- 1 property is annexed to, but not incorporated into, real estate as a part
- 2 of a project. The refund shall be based on the cost of materials subject
- 3 to the sales and use tax that were annexed to real estate; and
- 4 (v) Tangible personal property by a contractor or repairperson after
- 5 appointment as a purchasing agent of the taxpayer when such property is
- 6 both (A) incorporated into real estate as a part of a project and (B)
- 7 annexed to, but not incorporated into, real estate as a part of a
- 8 project. The refund shall be based on fifty percent of the contract
- 9 price, excluding any land, as the cost of materials subject to the sales
- 10 and use tax; and
- 11 (b) Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section, a A refund
- 12 of all sales and use taxes for a tier 2, tier 4, tier 5, or tier 6
- 13 project or a refund of one-half of all sales and use taxes for a tier 1
- 14 project paid under the Local Option Revenue Act, the Nebraska Revenue Act
- 15 of 1967, and sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 on the types of
- 16 purchases, including rentals, listed in subdivision (a) of this
- 17 subsection for such taxes paid during each year of the entitlement period
- in which the taxpayer is at or above the required levels of employment
- 19 and investment.
- 20 (3) Any taxpayer who qualifies for a tier 1, tier 2, tier 3, or tier
- 21 4 project shall be entitled to a credit equal to three percent times the
- 22 average wage of new employees times the number of new employees if the
- 23 average wage of the new employees equals at least sixty percent of the
- 24 Nebraska average annual wage for the year of application. The credit
- 25 shall equal four percent times the average wage of new employees times
- 26 the number of new employees if the average wage of the new employees
- 27 equals at least seventy-five percent of the Nebraska average annual wage
- 28 for the year of application. The credit shall equal five percent times
- 29 the average wage of new employees times the number of new employees if
- 30 the average wage of the new employees equals at least one hundred percent
- 31 of the Nebraska average annual wage for the year of application. The

- 1 credit shall equal six percent times the average wage of new employees
- 2 times the number of new employees if the average wage of the new
- 3 employees equals at least one hundred twenty-five percent of the Nebraska
- 4 average annual wage for the year of application. For computation of such
- 5 credit:
- 6 (a) Average annual wage means the total compensation paid to
- 7 employees during the year at the project who are not base-year employees
- 8 and who are paid wages equal to at least sixty percent of the Nebraska
- 9 average weekly wage for the year of application, excluding any
- 10 compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any one employee
- 11 during the year, divided by the number of equivalent employees making up
- 12 such total compensation;
- 13 (b) Average wage of new employees means the average annual wage paid
- 14 to employees during the year at the project who are not base-year
- 15 employees and who are paid wages equal to at least sixty percent of the
- 16 Nebraska average weekly wage for the year of application, excluding any
- 17 compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any one employee
- 18 during the year; and
- 19 (c) Nebraska average annual wage means the Nebraska average weekly
- 20 wage times fifty-two.
- 21 (4) Any taxpayer who qualifies for a tier 6 project shall be
- 22 entitled to a credit equal to ten percent times the total compensation
- 23 paid to all employees, other than base-year employees, excluding any
- 24 compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any one employee
- 25 during the year, employed at the project.
- 26 (5) Any taxpayer who has met the required levels of employment and
- 27 investment for a tier 2 or tier 4 project shall receive a credit equal to
- 28 ten percent of the investment made in qualified property at the project.
- 29 Any taxpayer who has met the required levels of investment and employment
- 30 for a tier 1 project shall receive a credit equal to three percent of the
- 31 investment made in qualified property at the project. Any taxpayer who

- 1 has met the required levels of investment and employment for a tier 6
- 2 project shall receive a credit equal to fifteen percent of the investment
- 3 made in qualified property at the project.
- 4 (6) The credits prescribed in subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this
- 5 section shall be allowable for compensation paid and investments made
- 6 during each year of the entitlement period that the taxpayer is at or
- 7 above the required levels of employment and investment.
- 8 (7) The credit prescribed in subsection (5) of this section shall
- 9 also be allowable during the first year of the entitlement period for
- 10 investment in qualified property at the project after the date of the
- 11 application and before the required levels of employment and investment
- 12 were met.
- 13 (8)(a) Property described in subdivisions (8)(c)(i) through (v) of
- 14 this section used in connection with a project or projects and acquired
- 15 by the taxpayer, whether by lease or purchase, after the date the
- 16 application was filed, shall constitute separate classes of property and
- 17 are eligible for exemption under the conditions and for the time periods
- 18 provided in subdivision (8)(b) of this section.
- 19 (b)(i) A taxpayer who has met the required levels of employment and
- 20 investment for a tier 4 project shall receive the exemption of property
- 21 in subdivisions (8)(c)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this section. A taxpayer
- 22 who has met the required levels of employment and investment for a tier 6
- 23 project shall receive the exemption of property in subdivisions (8)(c)
- 24 (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) of this section. Such property shall be
- 25 eligible for the exemption from the first January 1 following the end of
- 26 the year during which the required levels were exceeded through the ninth
- 27 December 31 after the first year property included in subdivisions (8)(c)
- 28 (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) of this section qualifies for the exemption.
- 29 (ii) A taxpayer who has filed an application that describes a tier 2
- 30 large data center project or a project under tier 4 or tier 6 shall
- 31 receive the exemption of property in subdivision (8)(c)(i) of this

- 1 section beginning with the first January 1 following the acquisition of
- 2 the property. The exemption shall continue through the end of the period
- 3 property included in subdivisions (8)(c)(ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) of
- 4 this section qualifies for the exemption.
- 5 (iii) A taxpayer who has filed an application that describes a tier
- 6 2 large data center project or a tier 5 project that is sequential to a
- 7 tier 2 large data center project for which the entitlement period has
- 8 expired shall receive the exemption of all property in subdivision (8)(c)
- 9 of this section beginning any January 1 after the acquisition of the
- 10 property. Such property shall be eligible for exemption from the tax on
- 11 personal property from the January 1 preceding the first claim for
- 12 exemption approved under this subdivision through the ninth December 31
- 13 after the year the first claim for exemption is approved.
- 14 (iv) A taxpayer who has a project for an Internet web portal or a
- 15 data center and who has met the required levels of employment and
- 16 investment for a tier 2 project or the required level of investment for a
- 17 tier 5 project, taking into account only the employment and investment at
- 18 the web portal or data center project, shall receive the exemption of
- 19 property in subdivision (8)(c)(ii) of this section. Such property shall
- 20 be eligible for the exemption from the first January 1 following the end
- 21 of the year during which the required levels were exceeded through the
- 22 ninth December 31 after the first year any property included in
- 23 subdivisions (8)(c)(ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) of this section qualifies
- 24 for the exemption.
- (v) Such investment and hiring of new employees shall be considered
- 26 a required level of investment and employment for this subsection and for
- 27 the recapture of benefits under this subsection only.
- 28 (c) The following property used in connection with such project or
- 29 projects and acquired by the taxpayer, whether by lease or purchase,
- 30 after the date the application was filed shall constitute separate
- 31 classes of personal property:

- 1 (i) Turbine-powered aircraft, including turboprop, turbojet, and 2 turbofan aircraft, except when any such aircraft is used for fundraising 3 for or for the transportation of an elected official;
- 4 (ii) Computer systems, made up of equipment that is interconnected 5 in order to enable the acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, transmission, or reception of data involving 6 computer software and hardware, used for business information processing 7 which require environmental controls of temperature and power and which 8 9 are capable of simultaneously supporting more than one transaction and more than one user. A computer system includes peripheral components 10 which require environmental controls of temperature and power connected 11 to such computer systems. Peripheral components shall be limited to 12 additional memory units, tape drives, disk drives, power supplies, 13 cooling units, data switches, and communication controllers; 14
- (iii) Depreciable personal property used for a distribution facility, including, but not limited to, storage racks, conveyor mechanisms, forklifts, and other property used to store or move products;
- (iv) Personal property which is business equipment located in a single project if the business equipment is involved directly in the manufacture or processing of agricultural products; and
- 21 (v) For a tier 2 large data center project or tier 6 project, any 22 other personal property located at the project.
- 23 (d) In order to receive the property tax exemptions allowed by 24 subdivision (8)(c) of this section, the taxpayer shall annually file a claim for exemption with the Tax Commissioner on or before May 1. The 25 form and supporting schedules shall be prescribed by the Tax Commissioner 26 and shall list all property for which exemption is being sought under 27 28 this section. A separate claim for exemption must be filed for each project and each county in which property is claimed to be exempt. A copy 29 of this form must also be filed with the county assessor in each county 30 in which the applicant is requesting exemption. The Tax Commissioner 31

- 1 shall determine whether a taxpayer is eligible to obtain exemption for
- 2 personal property based on the criteria for exemption and the eligibility
- 3 of each item listed for exemption and, on or before August 1, certify
- 4 such to the taxpayer and to the affected county assessor.
- 5 (9) For applications filed on or after January 1, 2018, refunds of
- 6 <u>sales and use taxes paid under the Local Option Revenue Act or under</u>
- 7 sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 shall no longer be available as an
- 8 <u>incentive under the Nebraska Advantage Act.</u>
- 9 (10)(a) (9)(a) The investment thresholds in this section for a
- 10 particular year of application shall be adjusted by the method provided
- 11 in this subsection, except that the investment threshold for a tier 5
- 12 project described in subdivision (1)(e)(ii) of this section shall not be
- 13 adjusted.
- 14 (b) For tier 1, tier 2, tier 4, and tier 5 projects other than tier
- 15 5 projects described in subdivision (1)(e)(ii) of this section, beginning
- 16 October 1, 2006, and each October 1 thereafter, the average Producer
- 17 Price Index for all commodities, published by the United States
- 18 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the most recent
- 19 twelve available periods shall be divided by the Producer Price Index for
- 20 the first quarter of 2006 and the result multiplied by the applicable
- 21 investment threshold. The investment thresholds shall be adjusted for
- 22 cumulative inflation since 2006.
- 23 (c) For tier 6, beginning October 1, 2008, and each October 1
- 24 thereafter, the average Producer Price Index for all commodities,
- 25 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
- 26 Statistics, for the most recent twelve available periods shall be divided
- 27 by the Producer Price Index for the first quarter of 2008 and the result
- 28 multiplied by the applicable investment threshold. The investment
- 29 thresholds shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation since 2008.
- 30 (d) For a tier 2 large data center project, beginning October 1,
- 31 2012, and each October 1 thereafter, the average Producer Price Index for

- 1 all commodities, published by the United States Department of Labor,
- 2 Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the most recent twelve available periods
- 3 shall be divided by the Producer Price Index for the first quarter of
- 4 2012 and the result multiplied by the applicable investment threshold.
- 5 The investment thresholds shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation
- 6 since 2012.
- 7 (e) If the resulting amount is not a multiple of one million
- 8 dollars, the amount shall be rounded to the next lowest one million
- 9 dollars.
- 10 (f) The investment thresholds established by this subsection apply
- 11 for purposes of project qualifications for all applications filed on or
- 12 after January 1 of the following year for all years of the project.
- 13 Adjustments do not apply to projects after the year of application.
- 14 Sec. 2. Section 77-5726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 15 2016, is amended to read:
- 16 77-5726 (1)(a) The credits prescribed in section 77-5725 for a year
- 17 shall be established by filing the forms required by the Tax Commissioner
- 18 with the income tax return for the taxable year which includes the end of
- 19 the year the credits were earned. The credits may be used and shall be
- 20 applied in the order in which they were first allowed. The credits may be
- 21 used after any other nonrefundable credits to reduce the taxpayer's
- 22 income tax liability imposed by sections 77-2714 to 77-27,135. Credits
- 23 may be used beginning with the taxable year which includes December 31 of
- 24 the year the required minimum levels were reached. The last year for
- 25 which credits may be used is the taxable year which includes December 31
- of the last year of the carryover period. Any decision on how part of the
- 27 credit is applied shall not limit how the remaining credit could be
- 28 applied under this section.
- 29 (b) The taxpayer may use the credit provided in subsection (3) of
- 30 section 77-5725 to reduce the taxpayer's income tax withholding employer
- 31 or payor tax liability under section 77-2756 or 77-2757 to the extent

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1 such liability is attributable to the number of new employees at the 2 project, excluding any compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any one employee during the year. The taxpayer may use the credit 3 provided in subsection (4) of section 77-5725 to reduce the taxpayer's 4 5 income tax withholding employer or payor tax liability under section 6 77-2756 or 77-2757 to the extent such liability is attributable to all employees employed at the project, other than base-year employees and 7 8 excluding any compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any 9 one employee during the year. To the extent of the credit used, such withholding shall not constitute public funds or state tax revenue and 10 shall not constitute a trust fund or be owned by the state. The use by 11 the taxpayer of the credit shall not change the amount that otherwise 12 13 would be reported by the taxpayer to the employee under section 77-2754 as income tax withheld and shall not reduce the amount that otherwise 14 would be allowed by the state as a refundable credit on an employee's 15 income tax return as income tax withheld under section 77-2755. 16

For a tier 1, tier 2, tier 3, or tier 4 project, the amount of credits used against income tax withholding shall not exceed the withholding attributable to new employees employed at the project, excluding any compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any one employee during the year.

For a tier 6 project, the amount of credits used against income tax withholding shall not exceed the withholding attributable to all employees employed at the project, other than base-year employees and excluding any compensation in excess of one million dollars paid to any one employee during the year.

If the amount of credit used by the taxpayer against income tax withholding exceeds this amount, the excess withholding shall be returned to the Department of Revenue in the manner provided in section 77-2756, such excess amount returned shall be considered unused, and the amount of unused credits may be used as otherwise permitted in this section or

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shall carry over to the extent authorized in subdivision (1)(e) of this section.

- 3 (c) Credits may be used to obtain a refund of sales and use taxes 4 under the Local Option Revenue Act, the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, and 5 sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 which are not otherwise refundable that are paid on purchases, including rentals, for use at the project for 6 7 a tier 1, tier 2, tier 3, or tier 4 project or for use within this state 8 for a tier 2 large data center project or a tier 6 project, except that for applications filed on or after January 1, 2018, credits may not be 9 used to obtain a refund of sales and use taxes paid under the Local 10 Option Revenue Act or under sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813. 11
  - (d) The credits earned for a tier 6 project may be used to obtain a payment from the state equal to the real property taxes due after the year the required levels of employment and investment were met and before the end of the carryover period, for real property that is included in such project and acquired by the taxpayer, whether by lease or purchase, after the date the application was filed. Once the required levels of employment and investment for a tier 2 large data center project have been met, the credits earned for a tier 2 large data center project may be used to obtain a payment from the state equal to the real property taxes due after the year of application and before the end of the carryover period, for real property that is included in such project and acquired by the taxpayer, whether by lease or purchase, after the date the application was filed. The payment from the state shall be made only after payment of the real property taxes have been made to the county as required by law. Payments shall not be allowed for any taxes paid on real property for which the taxes are divided under section 18-2147 or 58-507.
    - (e) Credits may be carried over until fully utilized, except that such credits may not be carried over more than nine years after the year of application for a tier 1 or tier 3 project, fourteen years after the year of application for a tier 2 or tier 4 project, or more than one year

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- 1 past the end of the entitlement period for a tier 6 project.
- 2 (2)(a) No refund claims shall be filed until after the required
- 3 levels of employment and investment have been met.
- 4 (b) Refund claims shall be filed no more than once each quarter for
- 5 refunds under the Nebraska Advantage Act, except that any claim for a
- 6 refund in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars may be filed at any
- 7 time.
- 8 (c) Refund claims for materials purchased by a purchasing agent
- 9 shall include:
- (i) A copy of the purchasing agent appointment;
- 11 (ii) The contract price; and
- 12 (iii)(A) For refunds under subdivision (2)(a)(iii) or (2)(a)(v) of
- 13 section 77-5725, a certification by the contractor or repairperson of the
- 14 percentage of the materials incorporated into or annexed to the project
- on which sales and use taxes were paid to Nebraska after appointment as
- 16 purchasing agent; or
- 17 (B) For refunds under subdivision (2)(a)(iv) of section 77-5725, a
- 18 certification by the contractor or repairperson of the percentage of the
- 19 contract price that represents the cost of materials annexed to the
- 20 project and the percentage of the materials annexed to the project on
- 21 which sales and use taxes were paid to Nebraska after appointment as
- 22 purchasing agent.
- 23 (d) All refund claims shall be filed, processed, and allowed as any
- 24 other claim under section 77-2708, except that the amounts allowed to be
- 25 refunded under the Nebraska Advantage Act shall be deemed to be
- 26 overpayments and shall be refunded notwithstanding any limitation in
- 27 subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-2708. The refund may be allowed if the
- 28 claim is filed within three years from the end of the year the required
- 29 levels of employment and investment are met or within the period set
- 30 forth in section 77-2708.
- 31 (e) If a claim for a refund of sales and use taxes under the Local

1 Option Revenue Act or sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 of more than

- 2 twenty-five thousand dollars is filed by June 15 of a given year, the
- 3 refund shall be made on or after November 15 of the same year. If such a
- 4 claim is filed on or after June 16 of a given year, the refund shall not
- 5 be made until on or after November 15 of the following year. The Tax
- 6 Commissioner shall notify the affected city, village, county, or
- 7 municipal county of the amount of refund claims of sales and use taxes
- 8 under the Local Option Revenue Act or sections 13-319, 13-324, and
- 9 13-2813 that are in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars on or before
- 10 July 1 of the year before the claims will be paid under this section.
- 11 (f) Interest shall not be allowed on any taxes refunded under the 12 Nebraska Advantage Act.
- 13 (3) The appointment of purchasing agents shall be recognized for the
- 14 purpose of changing the status of a contractor or repairperson as the
- 15 ultimate consumer of tangible personal property purchased after the date
- 16 of the appointment which is physically incorporated into or annexed to
- 17 the project and becomes the property of the owner of the improvement to
- 18 real estate or the taxpayer. The purchasing agent shall be jointly liable
- 19 for the payment of the sales and use tax on the purchases with the owner
- 20 of the property.
- 21 (4) A determination that a taxpayer is not engaged in a qualified
- 22 business or has failed to meet or maintain the required levels of
- 23 employment or investment for incentives, exemptions, or recapture may be
- 24 protested within sixty days after the mailing of the written notice of
- 25 the proposed determination. If the notice of proposed determination is
- 26 not protested within the sixty-day period, the proposed determination is
- 27 a final determination. If the notice is protested, the Tax Commissioner
- 28 shall issue a written order resolving such protests. The written order of
- 29 the Tax Commissioner resolving a protest may be appealed to the district
- 30 court of Lancaster County within thirty days after the issuance of the
- 31 order.

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1 Sec. 3. Original sections 77-5725 and 77-5726, Revised Statutes

2 Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are repealed.