

AMENDMENTS TO LB63

Introduced by Groene, 42.

1           1. Insert the following new section:

2           Sec. 5. Section 35-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4           35-1207 (1) Any rural or suburban fire protection district or mutual  
5 finance organization seeking funds pursuant to the Mutual Finance  
6 Assistance Act shall submit an application and any forms required by the  
7 State Treasurer. Such application and forms shall be submitted for  
8 funding to the State Treasurer by July 1. The State Treasurer shall  
9 develop the application which requires calculations showing assumed  
10 population eligibility under section 35-1205 and the distribution amount  
11 under section 35-1206. If the applicant is a mutual finance organization,  
12 it shall attach to its first application a copy of the agreement pursuant  
13 to section 35-1204 and attach to any subsequent application a copy of an  
14 amended agreement or an affidavit stating that the previously submitted  
15 agreement is still accurate and effective. Any mutual finance  
16 organization making application pursuant to this section shall include  
17 with the application additional financial information regarding the  
18 manner in which any funds received by the mutual finance organization  
19 based upon the prior year's application pursuant to the act have been  
20 expended or distributed by that mutual finance organization. The State  
21 Treasurer shall provide electronic copies of such reports on mutual  
22 finance organization expenditures and distributions to the Clerk of the  
23 Legislature by December 1 of each year in which any reports are filed.

24           (2) The State Treasurer shall review all applications for  
25 eligibility for funds under the act and approve any application which is  
26 accurate and demonstrates that the applicant is eligible for funds. On or  
27 before August 15, the State Treasurer shall notify the applicant of

1 approval or denial of the application and certify the amount of funds for  
2 which an approved applicant is eligible. The decision of the State  
3 Treasurer may be appealed as provided in the Administrative Procedure  
4 Act.

5 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, funds  
6 shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer in two payments which are as  
7 nearly equal as possible, to be paid on or before November 1 and May 1.  
8 If the Mutual Finance Assistance Fund is insufficient to make all  
9 payments to all applicants in the amounts provided in section 35-1206,  
10 the State Treasurer shall prorate payments to approved applicants. Funds  
11 remaining in the Mutual Finance Assistance Fund on June 1 shall be  
12 transferred to the General Fund before July 1.

13 (4) No funds shall be disbursed to an eligible mutual finance  
14 organization until it has provided to the State Treasurer the financial  
15 information regarding the manner in which it has expended or distributed  
16 prior disbursements made pursuant to the Mutual Finance Assistance Act as  
17 provided in subsection (1) ~~(2)~~ of this section.

18 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
19 accordingly.