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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 636**

Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9. Read first time January 20, 2021 Committee: Judiciary

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend sections 2 23-1808, 24-519, 25-1023, 25-10,101, 25-1544, 14-603, 25-2730, 3 29-401, 29-428, 29-506, 29-901.02, 29-901.04, 29-901.06, 29-902.01, 4 29-903, 29-904, 29-908, 29-909, 29-1605, 29-1606, 29-1811, 29-2106, 29-2806, 29-2809, 33-117, 42-929, 43-255, 49-801, and 60-1307, 5 6 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09, 7 28-311.11, 29-422, 29-901, 29-901.01, 29-1201, and 43-253, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to eliminate cash bail, 8 9 appearance bonds, and related provisions; to provide procedures, rules, and standards for release on a defendant's own recognizance 10 or upon conditional release; to require appointment of counsel as 11 prescribed; to change provisions relating to conditional release and 12 13 pretrial release agencies; to eliminate and update obsolete and 14 outdated language; to provide for rules; to provide duties for the 15 Supreme Court; to define a term; to eliminate provisions relating to posting of bonds under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to harmonize 16 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal 17 18 sections 29-901.03, 29-901.05, 29-902, 29-905, 29-906, 29-907, 19 29-1105, 29-1106, 29-1107, 29-1108, 29-1109, 29-1110, and 60-686, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. 20

21 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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Section 1. Section 14-603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

14-603 The chief of police shall be the principal ministerial 3 officer of the corporation. His or her jurisdiction and that of his or 4 5 her officers in the service of process in all criminal cases and in cases for the violation of city ordinances shall be coextensive with the 6 7 county. The chief of police or his or her officers shall take bail in all bailable cases for the appearance before the county court of persons 8 9 under arrest, but such bail shall be subject to the approval of the 10 county court.

Sec. 2. Section 23-1808, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

13 23-1808 If the evidence of any witness shall implicate any person as the unlawful slayer of the person over whom the said inquisition shall be 14 held, the coroner shall recognize such witness, in such sum as the 15 coroner may think proper, to be and appear at the next term of the 16 17 district court for the said county, there to give evidence of the matter in question and not depart without leave. Such recognizance shall be 18 19 administered pursuant and subject to rules adopted by the Supreme Court in the same form, as nearly as practicable, and have the same effect as 20 21 recognizances taken in county court in cases of felony.

22 Sec. 3. Section 24-519, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:

24 24-519 Clerk magistrates shall have authority to perform the 25 following duties:

(1) To conduct any proceeding which is based on a misdemeanor, traffic infraction, violation of a city or village ordinance, or traffic violation or infraction under the laws of this state, except the trial of defendants who plead not guilty or for whom a not guilty plea has been entered. Any penalty imposed under this subdivision shall be made pursuant to a schedule established by the Supreme Court. Such schedule

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shall not provide for imprisonment;

2 (2) To conduct any proceeding for the issuance of warrants for
3 arrest or for searches and seizures when no county or district judge is
4 available in the county;

5 (3) To hear and determine any nonfelony proceeding for preliminary 6 examination to determine probable cause or the release <del>on bail</del> of persons 7 charged with <del>bailable</del> offenses <u>as provided in sections 29-901 to 29-910</u> 8 <u>and sections 17 and 18 of this act;</u>

9 (4) To determine temporary custody of a juvenile pursuant to 10 sections 43-251, 43-253, 43-254, and 43-258. An order of a clerk 11 magistrate shall be reviewed by the county judge upon the written request 12 of any party to the action within ten days of the order. Such order may 13 be affirmed, modified, or set aside by the county judge. The clerk 14 magistrate may also appoint a guardian ad litem as provided in section 15 43-272.01;

16 (5) To hear and determine noncontested proceedings relating to 17 decedents' estates, inheritance tax matters, and guardianship or 18 conservatorship, except that matters relating to the construction of 19 wills and trusts, the determination of title to real estate, and an 20 authorization of the sale or mortgaging of real estate shall not be heard 21 by a clerk magistrate; and

(6) To enter orders for hearings and trials, including orders forgarnishment and hearings on distribution of garnished funds.

24 Sec. 4. Section 25-1023, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

25-1023 The court shall make proper orders for the preservation of the property during the pendency of the suit. It may direct the sale of property when, because of its perishable nature or the costs of keeping it, a sale will be for the benefits of the parties. In vacation, such sale may be ordered by the judge of the court. The sale shall be public, after such advertisement as is prescribed for the sale of like property

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on execution, and shall be made in such manner, and upon such terms of 1 credit, with security, as the court or judge, having regard to the 2 probable duration of the action, may direct. The proceeds, if collected 3 by the sheriff, with all the money received by the sheriff him from 4 garnishees, shall be held and paid over by the sheriff him under the same 5 requirement and responsibilities of the sheriff himself and sureties as 6 are provided in rules adopted by the Supreme Court respect to money 7 deposited in lieu of bail. 8

9 Sec. 5. Section 25-10,101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 10 amended to read:

25-10,101 The defendant may, within twenty-four hours from the time 11 the undertaking referred to in section 25-10,100 is given by the 12 13 plaintiff, give notice to the sheriff that the defendant he excepts to the sufficiency of the sureties. If the defendant he fails to do so, the 14 defendant he must be deemed to have waived all objections to them. When 15 the defendant excepts, the sureties must justify upon notice as provided 16 17 in rules adopted by the Supreme Court in the case of bail on arrest. The sheriff or other officer shall be responsible for the sufficiency of the 18 19 sureties, until the objection to them is waived as above provided or until they justify. The property shall be delivered to the plaintiff when 20 the undertaking required by section 25-1098 has been given. 21

22 Sec. 6. Section 25-1544, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:

24 25-1544 In all cases where judgment is rendered in any court of 25 record within this state upon any instrument in writing in which two or more persons are jointly and severally bound, and it shall be made to 26 appear to the court by parol or other testimony that one or more of said 27 persons so bound signed the same as surety or bail for a his or their 28 codefendant, it shall be the duty of the clerk of said court in recording 29 the judgment thereon, to certify which of the defendants is principal 30 debtor, and which are sureties or bail. The clerk of the court aforesaid 31

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shall issue execution on such judgment, commanding the sheriff or other 1 2 officer to cause the money to be made of the goods and chattels, lands, and tenements, of the principal debtor, but for want of sufficient 3 4 property of the principal debtor to make the same, that the sheriff or 5 other officer he cause the same to be made of the goods and chattels, lands, and tenements of the surety or bail. In all cases the property, 6 both personal and real, of the principal debtor, within the jurisdiction 7 of the court, shall be exhausted before any of the property of the surety 8 9 or bail shall be taken in execution.

10 Sec. 7. Section 25-2730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 11 amended to read:

25-2730 (1) In cases involving a money judgment or a judgment for 12 the possession of specified personal property, no appeal shall operate as 13 a supersedeas unless the appellant within thirty days after the entry of 14 the judgment deposits with the clerk of the county court a cash bond or 15 16 an undertaking with at least one good and sufficient surety approved by 17 the court. In cases involving a money judgment, the bond or undertaking shall be in the amount of the judgment, costs, and estimated interest 18 19 pending appeal and conditioned that the appellant shall pay the judgment, interest, and costs adjudged against him or her on appeal. In cases 20 involving a judgment for the possession of specified personal property, 21 the bond or undertaking shall be in an amount at least double the value 22 23 of the property and conditioned that the appellant shall pay all costs 24 and damages adjudged against him or her on appeal and deliver the 25 property in accordance with the judgment on appeal.

(2) In appeals in cases of forcible entry and detainer, no appeal
shall operate as a supersedeas unless the party appealing shall deposit
an undertaking or cash bond in accordance with section 25-21,234.

(3) In appeals in criminal cases, the execution of judgment and
 sentence, other than any sentence to a period of confinement, shall be
 suspended during the appeal. Execution of a sentence to a period of

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confinement may shall be suspended only if (a) the county court, in its 1 2 discretion, allows the defendant to be released on personal continue at liberty under the prior recognizance or on conditional release in 3 4 accordance with sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this 5 act bail or (b) the defendant enters into a written recognizance to the 6 State of Nebraska, with surety or sureties approved by the county court 7 or with a cash bond, filed with the clerk of the county court. The conditions of any condition of the recognizance or release shall include 8 9 be that the defendant will prosecute the appeal without delay and abide and perform the judgment and sentence of the appellate district court. 10 Upon the filing of the notice of appeal, the <del>county</del> court shall consider 11 whether to release the defendant under sections 29-901 to 29-910 and 12 13 sections 17 and 18 of this act fix the amount of the recognizance or cash 14 bond, which shall be a reasonable amount. The cash bond shall be returned 15 upon the fulfillment of the conditions of the bond.

(4) In appeals in cases under the Uniform Residential Landlord and
 Tenant Act, no appeal shall operate as a supersedeas of any writ of
 restitution unless the defendant deposits an undertaking or cash bond in
 accordance with section 76-1447.

(5) In all other cases, perfection of an appeal shall not stay theproceedings.

(6) In any case, the district court, on motion after notice and 22 hearing and upon such terms as justice shall require, may stay any order 23 or judgment appealed from, order a renewal or additional surety of an 24 25 undertaking, or order the amount of the undertaking or recognizance increased or decreased, except that in a criminal case the district court 26 shall consider release on personal recognizance or under conditions of 27 28 release in accordance with sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act. The action of the district court shall be certified by 29 the clerk to the clerk of the county court. 30

31 Sec. 8. Section 28-311.09, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

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1 2020, is amended to read:

2 28-311.09 (1) Any victim who has been harassed as defined by section 28-311.02 may file a petition and affidavit for a harassment protection 3 4 order as provided in subsection (3) of this section. Upon the filing of 5 such a petition and affidavit in support thereof, the court may issue a harassment protection order without bond enjoining the respondent from 6 (a) imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the petitioner, 7 harassing, threatening, assaulting, molesting, 8 (b) attacking, or 9 otherwise disturbing the peace of the petitioner, or (c) telephoning, 10 contacting, or otherwise communicating with the petitioner. The harassment protection order shall specify to whom relief under this 11 section was granted. 12

13 (2) The petition for a harassment protection order shall state the 14 events and dates or approximate dates of acts constituting the alleged 15 harassment, including the most recent and most severe incident or 16 incidents.

(3) A petition for a harassment protection order shall be filed with
the clerk of the district court, and the proceeding may be heard by the
county court or the district court as provided in section 25-2740.

(4) A petition for a harassment protection order filed pursuant to 20 subsection (1) of this section may not be withdrawn except upon order of 21 the court. An order issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section 22 shall specify that it is effective for a period of one year unless 23 24 otherwise dismissed or modified by the court. Any person, except the petitioner, who knowingly violates an order issued pursuant to subsection 25 (1) of this section after service or notice as described in subdivision 26 (9)(b) of this section shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. 27

(5)(a) Fees to cover costs associated with the filing of a petition for a harassment protection order or the issuance or service of a harassment protection order seeking only the relief provided by this section shall not be charged, except that a court may assess such fees

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and costs if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the
 statements contained in the petition were false and that the harassment
 protection order was sought in bad faith.

4 (b) A court may also assess costs associated with the filing of a 5 petition for a harassment protection order or the issuance or service of 6 a harassment protection order seeking only the relief provided by this 7 section against the respondent.

8 (6) The clerk of the district court shall make available standard 9 application and affidavit forms for a harassment protection order with instructions for completion to be used by a petitioner. Affidavit forms 10 shall request all relevant information, including, but not limited to: A 11 description of the incidents that are the basis for the application for a 12 harassment protection order, including the most severe incident, and the 13 14 date or approximate date of such incidents. The clerk and his or her employees shall not provide assistance in completing the forms. The State 15 Court Administrator shall adopt and promulgate the standard application 16 and affidavit forms provided for in this section as well as the standard 17 temporary ex parte and final harassment protection order forms and 18 provide a copy of such forms to all clerks of the district courts in this 19 state. These standard temporary ex parte and final harassment protection 20 order forms shall be the only such forms used in this state. 21

(7) Any order issued under subsection (1) of this section may be 22 issued ex parte without notice to the respondent if it reasonably appears 23 24 from the specific facts shown by affidavit of the petitioner that 25 irreparable harm, loss, or damage will result before the matter can be heard on notice. If the specific facts included in the affidavit (a) do 26 not show that the petitioner will suffer irreparable harm, loss, or 27 28 damage or (b) show that, for any other compelling reason, an ex parte order should not be issued, the court may forthwith cause notice of the 29 application to be given to the respondent stating that he or she may show 30 cause, not more than fourteen days after service, why such order should 31

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not be entered. Any notice provided to the respondent shall include 1 2 notification that a court may treat a petition for a harassment protection order as a petition for a sexual assault protection order or a 3 4 domestic abuse protection order if it appears from the facts that such 5 other protection order is more appropriate and that the respondent shall have an opportunity to show cause as to why such protection order should 6 7 not be entered. If such ex parte order is issued without notice to the respondent, the court shall forthwith cause notice of the petition and 8 9 order and a form with which to request a show-cause hearing to be given the respondent stating that, upon service on the respondent, the order 10 shall remain in effect for a period of one year unless the respondent 11 shows cause why the order should not remain in effect for a period of one 12 13 year. If the respondent wishes to appear and show cause why the order should not remain in effect for a period of one year, he or she shall 14 affix his or her current address, telephone number, and signature to the 15 16 form and return it to the clerk of the district court within ten business 17 days after service upon him or her. Upon receipt of a timely request for a show-cause hearing, the court shall immediately schedule a show-cause 18 19 hearing to be held within thirty days after the receipt of the request for a show-cause hearing and shall notify the petitioner and respondent 20 of the hearing date. If a petition is dismissed without a hearing, it 21 22 shall be dismissed without prejudice. The petition and affidavit shall be 23 deemed to have been offered into evidence at any show-cause hearing. The 24 petition and affidavit shall be admitted into evidence unless 25 specifically excluded by the court.

(8) A court may treat a petition for a harassment protection order
as a petition for a sexual assault protection order or a domestic abuse
protection order if it appears from the facts in the petition, affidavit,
and evidence presented at a show-cause hearing that such other protection
order is more appropriate and if:

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1 (a) The court makes specific findings that such other order is more

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(b) The petitioner has requested the court to so treat the petition. 2 3 (9)(a) Upon the issuance of any temporary ex parte or final harassment protection order, the clerk of the court shall forthwith 4 5 provide the petitioner, without charge, with two certified copies of such order. The clerk of the court shall also forthwith provide the local 6 7 police department or local law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's office, without charge, with one copy each of such order and one copy 8 each of the sheriff's return thereon. The clerk of the court shall also 9 forthwith provide a copy of the harassment protection order to the 10 sheriff's office in the county where the respondent may be personally 11 served together with instructions for service. Upon receipt of the order 12 and instructions for service, such sheriff's office shall forthwith serve 13 the harassment protection order upon the respondent and file its return 14 thereon with the clerk of the court which issued the harassment 15 16 protection order within fourteen days of the issuance of the harassment protection order. If any harassment protection order is dismissed or 17 modified by the court, the clerk of the court shall forthwith provide the 18 19 local police department or local law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's office, without charge, with one copy each of the order of 20 dismissal or modification. 21

(b) If the respondent is present at a hearing convened pursuant to this section and the harassment protection order is not dismissed, such respondent shall be deemed to have notice by the court at such hearing that the harassment protection order will be granted and remain in effect and further service of such notice described in this subsection shall not be required for purposes of prosecution under this section.

(c) A temporary ex parte harassment protection order shall be
 affirmed and deemed the final protection order and service of the
 temporary ex parte order shall be notice of the final protection order if
 the respondent has been properly served with the ex parte order and:

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(i) The respondent fails to request a show-cause hearing within ten
 business days after service upon him or her and no hearing was requested
 by the petitioner or upon the court's own motion;

4 (ii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
5 hearing requested by the respondent or petitioner or upon the court's own
6 motion and the respondent fails to appear at such hearing; or

7 (iii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
8 hearing requested by the respondent, the petitioner, or upon the court's
9 own motion and the protection order was not dismissed at the hearing.

(10) A peace officer may, with or without a warrant, arrest a person 10 if (a) the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has 11 committed a violation of a harassment protection order issued pursuant to 12 this section or a violation of a valid foreign harassment protection 13 order recognized pursuant to section 28-311.10 and (b) a petitioner under 14 this section provides the peace officer with a copy of a harassment 15 protection order or the peace officer determines that such an order 16 17 exists after communicating with the local law enforcement agency or a person protected under a valid foreign harassment protection order 18 19 recognized pursuant to section 28-311.10 provides the peace officer with a copy of such order. 20

(11) A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to subsection (10) of 21 this section shall take such person into custody and take such person 22 23 before the county court or the court which issued the harassment 24 protection order within a reasonable time. At such time the court shall establish the conditions of such person's release from custody, including 25 the determination of <u>conditions of release</u> bond or recognizance, as the 26 case may be. The court shall issue an order directing that such person 27 28 shall have no contact with the alleged victim of the harassment.

(12) When provided by the petitioner, the court shall make
confidential numeric victim identification information, including social
security numbers and dates of birth, available to appropriate criminal

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justice agencies engaged in protection order enforcement efforts. Such agencies shall maintain the confidentiality of this information except for entry into state and federal data bases for protection order enforcement.

5 Sec. 9. Section 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2020, is amended to read:

7 28-311.11 (1) Any victim of a sexual assault offense may file a petition and affidavit for a sexual assault protection order as provided 8 9 in subsection (3) of this section. Upon the filing of such a petition and affidavit in support thereof, the court may issue a sexual assault 10 protection order without bond enjoining the respondent from (a) imposing 11 any restraint upon the person or liberty of the petitioner, (b) 12 harassing, threatening, assaulting, molesting, attacking, or otherwise 13 disturbing the peace of the petitioner, or (c) telephoning, contacting, 14 or otherwise communicating with the petitioner. The sexual assault 15 protection order shall specify to whom relief under this section was 16 17 granted.

(2) The petition for a sexual assault protection order shall state
 the events and dates or approximate dates of acts constituting the sexual
 assault offense, including the most recent and most severe incident or
 incidents.

(3) A petition for a sexual assault protection order shall be filed
with the clerk of the district court and the proceeding may be heard by
the county court or the district court as provided in section 25-2740.

(4) A petition for a sexual assault protection order may not be withdrawn except upon order of the court. A sexual assault protection order shall specify that it is effective for a period of one year unless renewed pursuant to subsection (12) of this section or otherwise dismissed or modified by the court. Any person, except the petitioner, who knowingly violates a sexual assault protection order after service or notice as described in subdivision (9)(b) of this section shall be guilty

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of a Class I misdemeanor, except that any person convicted of violating
 such order who has a prior conviction for violating a sexual assault
 protection order shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

4 (5)(a) Fees to cover costs associated with the filing of a petition for issuance or renewal of a sexual assault protection order or the 5 issuance or service of a sexual assault protection order seeking only the 6 relief provided by this section shall not be charged, except that a court 7 may assess such fees and costs if the court finds, by clear and 8 9 convincing evidence, that the statements contained in the petition were false and that the sexual assault protection order was sought in bad 10 faith. 11

(b) A court may also assess costs associated with the filing of a petition for issuance or renewal of a sexual assault protection order or the issuance or service of a sexual assault protection order seeking only the relief provided by this section against the respondent.

16 (6) The clerk of the district court shall make available standard 17 application and affidavit forms for issuance and renewal of a sexual assault protection order with instructions for completion to be used by a 18 petitioner. Affidavit forms shall request all relevant information, 19 including, but not limited to: A description of the most recent incident 20 that was the basis for the application for a sexual assault protection 21 order and the date or approximate date of the incident and, if there was 22 more than one incident, the most severe incident and the date or 23 24 approximate date of such incident. The clerk and his or her employees shall not provide assistance in completing the forms. The State Court 25 Administrator shall adopt and promulgate the standard application and 26 affidavit forms provided for in this section as well as the standard 27 28 temporary ex parte and final sexual assault protection order forms and provide a copy of such forms to all clerks of the district courts in this 29 state. Such standard temporary ex parte and final sexual assault 30 protection order forms shall be the only forms used in this state. 31

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1 (7) A sexual assault protection order may be issued or renewed ex parte without notice to the respondent if it reasonably appears from the 2 3 specific facts shown by affidavit of the petitioner that irreparable harm, loss, or damage will result before the matter can be heard on 4 5 notice. If a sexual assault protection order is not issued ex parte, the court shall immediately schedule an evidentiary hearing to be held within 6 fourteen days after the filing of the petition, and the court shall cause 7 notice of the application to be given to the respondent stating that he 8 9 or she may show cause why such order should not be entered. Any notice provided to the respondent shall include notification that a court may 10 treat a petition for a sexual assault protection order as a petition for 11 a harassment protection order or a domestic abuse protection order if it 12 appears from the facts that such other protection order is more 13 appropriate and that the respondent shall have an opportunity to show 14 cause as to why such protection order should not be entered. If such ex 15 16 parte order is issued or renewed without notice to the respondent, the court shall forthwith cause notice of the petition and order and a form 17 with which to request a show-cause hearing to be given the respondent 18 stating that, upon service on the respondent, the order shall remain in 19 effect for a period of one year unless the respondent shows cause why the 20 order should not remain in effect for a period of one year. If the 21 respondent wishes to appear and show cause why the order should not 22 23 remain in effect for a period of one year, he or she shall affix his or her current address, telephone number, and signature to the form and 24 return it to the clerk of the district court within ten business days 25 after service upon him or her. Upon receipt of a timely request for a 26 show-cause hearing, the court shall immediately schedule a show-cause 27 hearing to be held within thirty days after the receipt of the request 28 for a show-cause hearing and shall notify the petitioner and respondent 29 of the hearing date. The petition and affidavit shall be deemed to have 30 31 been offered into evidence at any show-cause hearing. The petition and

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affidavit shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by
 the court.

3 (8) A court may treat a petition for a sexual assault protection 4 order as a petition for a harassment protection order or a domestic abuse 5 protection order if it appears from the facts in the petition, affidavit, 6 and evidence presented at a show-cause hearing that such other protection 7 order is more appropriate and if:

8 (a) The court makes specific findings that such other order is more9 appropriate; or

10 (b) The petitioner has requested the court to so treat the petition. (9)(a) Upon the issuance or renewal of any temporary ex parte or 11 final sexual assault protection order, the clerk of the court shall 12 forthwith provide the petitioner, without charge, with two certified 13 copies of such order. The clerk of the court shall also forthwith provide 14 the local police department or local law enforcement agency and the local 15 sheriff's office, without charge, with one copy each of such order and 16 one copy each of the sheriff's return thereon. The clerk of the court 17 shall also forthwith provide a copy of the sexual assault protection 18 19 order to the sheriff's office in the county where the respondent may be personally served together with instructions for service. Upon receipt of 20 the order and instructions for service, such sheriff's office shall 21 22 forthwith serve the sexual assault protection order upon the respondent and file its return thereon with the clerk of the court which issued the 23 24 sexual assault protection order within fourteen days of the issuance of 25 the initial or renewed sexual assault protection order. If any sexual assault protection order is dismissed or modified by the court, the clerk 26 of the court shall forthwith provide the local police department or local 27 law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's office, without charge, 28 with one copy each of the order of dismissal or modification. 29

30 (b) If the respondent is present at a hearing convened pursuant to 31 this section and the sexual assault protection order is not dismissed,

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1 such respondent shall be deemed to have notice by the court at such 2 hearing that the protection order will be granted and remain in effect 3 and further service of such notice described in this subsection shall not 4 be required for purposes of prosecution under this section.

5 (c) A temporary ex parte sexual assault protection order shall be 6 affirmed and deemed the final protection order and service of the 7 temporary ex parte order shall be notice of the final protection order if 8 the respondent has been properly served with the ex parte order and:

9 (i) The respondent fails to request a show-cause hearing within ten 10 business days after service upon him or her and no hearing was requested 11 by the petitioner or upon the court's own motion;

(ii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
hearing requested by the respondent or petitioner or upon the court's own
motion and the respondent fails to appear at such hearing; or

(iii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
hearing requested by the respondent, the petitioner, or upon the court's
own motion and the protection order was not dismissed at the hearing.

(10) A peace officer shall, with or without a warrant, arrest a 18 19 person if (a) the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a violation of a sexual assault protection order issued 20 pursuant to this section or a violation of a valid foreign sexual assault 21 protection order recognized pursuant to section 28-311.12 and (b) a 22 petitioner under this section provides the peace officer with a copy of 23 24 such order or the peace officer determines that such an order exists 25 after communicating with the local law enforcement agency.

(11) A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to subsection (10) of this section shall take such person into custody and take such person before the county court or the court which issued the sexual assault protection order within a reasonable time. At such time the court shall establish the conditions of such person's release from custody, including the determination of <u>conditions of release</u> bond or recognizance, as the

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case may be. The court shall issue an order directing that such person
 shall have no contact with the alleged victim of the sexual assault
 offense.

4 (12)(a) An order issued under subsection (1) of this section may be 5 renewed annually. To request renewal of the order, the petitioner shall 6 file a petition for renewal and affidavit in support thereof at any time 7 within forty-five days prior to the date the order is set to expire, 8 including the date the order expires.

9 (b) A sexual assault protection order may be renewed on the basis of 10 the petitioner's affidavit stating that there has been no material change 11 in relevant circumstances since entry of the order and stating the reason 12 for the requested renewal if:

(i) The petitioner seeks no modification of the order; and

(ii)(A) The respondent has been properly served with notice of the petition for renewal and notice of hearing and fails to appear at the hearing; or

17 (B) The respondent indicates that he or she does not contest the18 renewal.

19 (c) The petition for renewal shall state the reasons a renewal is sought and shall be filed with the clerk of the district court, and the 20 proceeding thereon may be heard by the county court or the district court 21 as provided in section 25-2740. A petition for renewal will otherwise be 22 governed in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsections (4) 23 24 through (11) of this section. The renewed order shall specify that it is 25 effective for one year commencing on the first calendar day after expiration of the previous order or on the calendar day the court grants 26 the renewal if such day is subsequent to the first calendar day after 27 expiration of the previous order. 28

(13) When provided by the petitioner, the court shall make confidential numeric victim identification information, including social security numbers and dates of birth, available to appropriate criminal

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justice agencies engaged in protection order enforcement efforts. Such agencies shall maintain the confidentiality of this information, except for entry into state and federal data bases for protection order enforcement.

(14) For purposes of this section, sexual assault offense means:

6 (a) Conduct amounting to sexual assault under section 28-319 or 7 28-320, sexual abuse by a school employee under section 28-316.01, sexual 8 assault of a child under section 28-319.01 or 28-320.01, or an attempt to 9 commit any of such offenses; or

(b) Subjecting or attempting to subject another person to sexual
contact or sexual penetration without his or her consent, as such terms
are defined in section 28-318.

Sec. 10. Section 29-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

29-401 Every sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, 15 security guard, police officer, or peace officer as 16 defined in 17 subdivision (15) of section 49-801 shall arrest and detain any person found violating any law of this state or any legal ordinance of any city 18 or incorporated village until a legal warrant can be obtained, except 19 that (1) any such law enforcement officer taking a juvenile under the age 20 of eighteen years into his or her custody for any violation herein 21 22 defined shall proceed as set forth in sections 43-248, 43-248.01, 43-250, 43-251, 43-251.01, and 43-253 and (2) the court in which the juvenile is 23 24 to appear shall not accept a plea from the juvenile until finding that 25 the parents of the juvenile have been notified or that reasonable efforts to notify such parents have been made as provided in section 43-250. 26

27 Sec. 11. Section 29-422, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 28 2020, is amended to read:

29 29-422 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State of 30 Nebraska to issue citations in lieu of arrest or continued custody to the 31 maximum extent consistent with the effective enforcement of the law and

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the protection of the public. In furtherance of that policy, except as provided in sections 28-311.11, 42-928, and 42-929, any peace officer shall be authorized to issue a citation in lieu of arrest or continued custody for any offense which is a traffic infraction, any other infraction, or a misdemeanor and for any violation of a city or village ordinance. Such authorization shall be carried out in the manner specified in sections 29-422 to 29-429 and 60-684 <u>and 60-685</u> to 60-686.

8 Sec. 12. Section 29-428, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

29-428 Nothing in sections 29-422 to 29-429 and 60-684 <u>and 60-685</u> to <del>60-686</del> shall be construed to affect the rights, lawful procedures, or responsibilities of law enforcement agencies or peace officers using the citation procedure in lieu of the arrest or warrant procedure.

14 Sec. 13. Section 29-506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 15 amended to read:

29-506 If, upon the whole examination, it appears shall appear that 16 17 no offense has been committed or that there is no probable cause for holding the <u>defendant</u> accused to answer for the offense, <u>the def</u>endant <del>he</del> 18 shall be discharged. If ; but if it appears shall appear that an offense 19 has been committed and there is probable cause to believe that the 20 21 <u>defendant</u> person charged has committed the offense, the <u>defendant</u> accused 22 shall be committed to the jail of the county in which the offense will same is to be tried, there to remain until the defendant he is discharged 23 24 by due course of law\_or ; Provided, if the offense be bailable, the 25 accused may be released pursuant to sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act Chapter 29, article 9, such release to be 26 conditioned on his appearance before the district court as ordered. When 27 a defendant has executed an appearance bond and made a deposit with the 28 court pursuant to section 29-901, and such appearance bond is continued 29 in force for the defendant's appearance in district court, the appearance 30 bond costs shall be retained by the examining court, and the appearance 31

bond and the balance of the deposit shall be transmitted to the district
court.

3 Sec. 14. Section 29-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2020, is amended to read:

5 29-901 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, any 6 <u>defendant</u> bailable <u>under Article I, section 9, of the Constitution of</u> 7 <u>Nebraska</u> <del>defendant</del> shall be ordered released from custody pending 8 judgment on his or her personal recognizance unless the judge determines 9 in the exercise of his or her discretion that such a release:

10 (a) Will will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant 11 as required; or

12 <u>(b) Could</u> that such a release could jeopardize the safety and 13 maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other 14 persons in the community.

(2)(a) This subsection applies to any bailable defendant who is
charged with one or more Class IIIA, IV, or V misdemeanors or violations
of city or county ordinances, except when:

18 (i) The victim is an intimate partner as defined in section 28-323;19 or

(ii) The defendant is charged with one or more violations of section
60-6,196 or 60-6,197 or city or village ordinances enacted in conformance
with section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197.

(b) Any bailable defendant described in this subsection shall be ordered released from custody pending judgment on his or her personal recognizance or under other conditions of release, other than payment of a bond, unless:

(i) The defendant has previously failed to appear in the instant
case or any other case in the previous six months;

(ii) The judge determines in the exercise of his or her discretion
that such a release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the
defendant as required or that such a release could jeopardize the safety

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and maintenance of evidence or the safety of the defendant, victims,
 witnesses, or other persons; and

3 (iii) The defendant was arrested pursuant to a warrant.

4 (3) The court shall consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. In no case shall payment of a 5 cash bond be required. If the judge determines that the defendant shall 6 7 not be released on his or her personal recognizance, the judge shall consider the defendant's financial ability to pay a bond and shall impose 8 9 the least <u>restrictive</u> onerous of the following conditions that will 10 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance or that will eliminate or minimize the risk of harm described in subdivision (1)(b) of this 11 12 section, including to others or the public at large:

(a) <u>Any reasonable conditions, including those listed in subsection</u>
(5) of this section, which may be supervised by the court or by a person,
organization, or pretrial services program approved by the county board
Place the defendant in the custody of a designated person or organization
agreeing to supervise the defendant; and

(b) <u>Restrictions</u> Place restrictions on the travel, association, or
 place of abode of the defendant during the period of such release. ; or

(4)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (4)(c) and (d) of this 20 section, in determining whether to release a defendant on personal 21 22 recognizance or under conditions of release, the judge may take into account, among other things, the nature and circumstances of the offense, 23 yet to be collected evidence, alleged victims, potential witnesses, or 24 25 members of the general public, the defendant's family ties, employment, the length of the defendant's residence in the community, the defendant's 26 27 record of criminal convictions, and the defendant's record of appearances at court proceedings or of flight to avoid prosecution or of failure to 28 appear at court proceedings. 29

30 (b) In determining whether to release a defendant on personal
 31 recognizance or under conditions of release, the following shall be

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1	<u>considered in favor of granting release on recognizance or under</u>
2	conditions of release:
3	<u>(i) Current or recent employment;</u>
4	<u>(ii) Obligations to provide support for dependents or family</u>
5	members;
6	<u>(iii) Involvement with a community support or other prosocial agency</u>
7	or organization, including, but not limited to: Vocational
8	rehabilitation; mental health or substance abuse treatment or counseling;
9	or court-ordered family or rehabilitative services;
10	(iv) An ongoing need for medical care; and
11	<u>(v) Enrollment in an educational program.</u>
12	<u>(c) In determining whether release on personal recognizance or under</u>
13	conditions of release will reasonably assure the appearance of the
14	defendant as required, the following shall not be considered as a basis
15	to deny release on personal recognizance or under conditions of release:
16	<u>(i) A lack of residence;</u>
17	<u>(ii) Allegations of failure to appear for court which occurred more</u>
18	than two years prior and that did not result in a conviction;
19	<u>(iii) A history of criminal charges that are different in nature</u>
20	than the pending charge or charges;
21	<u>(iv) A history of criminal charges unrelated to noncompliance with</u>
22	<u>law enforcement; or</u>
23	<u>(v) The defendant's assertion of constitutional or statutory rights,</u>
24	including the right to remain silent or the right to deny consent to a
25	<u>search or seizure.</u>
26	<u>(d) In determining whether release on personal recognizance or under</u>
27	conditions of release could jeopardize the safety and maintenance of
28	evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other persons in the
29	community, the following shall not be considered as a basis to deny
30	release on personal recognizance or under conditions of release:
31	<u>(i) A lack of residence, when the defendant agrees to comply with</u>

1 no-contact provisions or other conditions specified by the court; 2 (ii) A history of criminal charges that are different in nature than 3 the pending charge or charges; 4 (iii) A history of criminal charges unrelated to evidence or witness 5 tampering; or (iv) The defendant's assertion of constitutional or statutory 6 7 rights, including the right to remain silent or the right to deny consent 8 to a search or seizure. 9 (c) Require, at the option of any bailable defendant, either of the 10 following: 11 (i) The execution of an appearance bond in a specified amount and 12 the deposit with the clerk of the court in cash of a sum not to exceed 13 ten percent of the amount of the bond, ninety percent of such deposit to 14 be returned to the defendant upon the performance of the appearance or 15 appearances and ten percent to be retained by the clerk as appearance 16 bond costs, except that when no charge is subsequently filed against the 17 defendant or if the charge or charges which are filed are dropped before 18 the appearance of the defendant which the bond was to assure, the entire 19 deposit shall be returned to the defendant. If the bond is subsequently 20 reduced by the court after the original bond has been posted, no 21 additional appearance bond costs shall be retained by the clerk. The 22 difference in the appearance bond costs between the original bond and the 23 reduced bond shall be returned to the defendant. In no event shall the 24 deposit be less than twenty-five dollars. Whenever jurisdiction is 25 transferred from a court requiring an appearance bond under this subdivision to another state court, the transferring court shall transfer 26 27 the ninety percent of the deposit remaining after the appearance bond 28 costs have been retained. No further costs shall be levied or collected by the court acquiring jurisdiction; or 29

30 (ii) The execution of a bail bond with such surety or sureties as
 31 shall seem proper to the judge or, in lieu of such surety or sureties, at

the option of such person, a cash deposit of such sum so fixed, conditioned for his or her appearance before the proper court, to answer the offense with which he or she may be charged and to appear at such times thereafter as may be ordered by the proper court. The cash deposit shall be returned to the defendant upon the performance of all appearances.

7 (4) If the court requires the defendant to execute an appearance 8 bond requiring the defendant to post money or requires the defendant to 9 execute a bail bond, the court shall appoint counsel for the defendant if 10 the court finds the defendant is financially unable to pay the amount 11 required and is indigent.

12 (5) If the amount of bail is deemed insufficient by the court before 13 which the offense is pending, the court may order an increase of such bail and the defendant shall provide the additional undertaking, written 14 15 or cash, to secure his or her release. All recognizances in criminal 16 cases shall be in writing and be continuous from term to term until final 17 judgment of the court in such cases and shall also extend, when the court 18 has suspended execution of sentence for a limited time, as provided in 19 section 29-2202, or, when the court has suspended execution of sentence to enable the defendant to apply for a writ of error to the Supreme Court 20 21 or Court of Appeals, as provided in section 29-2301, until the period of 22 suspension has expired. When two or more indictments or informations are 23 returned against the same person at the same term of court, the 24 recognizance given may be made to include all offenses charged therein. 25 Each surety on such recognizance shall be required to justify under oath in a sum twice the amount of such recognizance and give the description 26 27 of real estate owned by him or her of a value above encumbrance equal to 28 the amount of such justification and shall name all other cases pending 29 in which he or she is a surety. No one shall be accepted as surety on 30 recognizance aggregating a sum in excess of his or her equity in the real 31 estate, but such recognizance shall not constitute a lien on the real 1 estate described therein until judgment is entered thereon against such
2 surety.

3 (5) (6) In order to assure compliance with the conditions of release 4 referred to in subsection (3) of this section, the court may order a 5 defendant to be supervised by a person, an organization, or a pretrial services program approved by the county board. A court shall waive any 6 7 fees or costs associated with the conditions of release or supervision if the court finds the defendant is unable to pay for such costs. 8 9 Eligibility for release or supervision by such pretrial release program shall under no circumstances be conditioned upon the defendant's ability 10 to pay. While under supervision of an approved entity, and in addition to 11 the conditions of release referred to in subsection (3) of this section, 12 the court may impose the following conditions: 13

14 (a) Periodic telephone contact by the defendant with the15 organization or pretrial services program;

(b) Periodic office visits by the defendant to the organization or
 pretrial services program;

(c) Periodic visits to the defendant's home by the organization or
 pretrial services program;

(d) Mental health or substance abuse treatment for the defendant,
including residential treatment, if the defendant consents or agrees to
the treatment;

23 (e) Periodic alcohol or drug testing of the defendant;

(f) Domestic violence counseling for the defendant, if the defendant
consents or agrees to the counseling;

26 (g) Electronic or global-positioning monitoring of the defendant;27 and

(h) Any other supervision techniques shown by research to increase
court appearance and public safety rates for defendants released on <u>bail</u>
<del>bond</del>.

31 (6) (7) The incriminating results of any drug or alcohol test or any

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information learned by a representative of an organization or program
 shall not be admissible in any proceeding, except for a proceeding
 relating to revocation or amendment of conditions of bond release.

4 (7) If the court determines that the defendant shall not be released
5 on personal recognizance or under conditions of release the court shall:

6 <u>(a) Make specific written findings explaining why such release will</u> 7 <u>not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required or</u> 8 <u>could jeopardize the safety and maintenance of evidence or the safety of</u> 9 <u>victims, witnesses, or other persons in the community;</u>

<u>(b) Appoint counsel to any defendant found to be indigent if counsel</u>
 <u>has not already been appointed; and</u>

(c) Order that the defendant be formally screened by a person, organization, or pretrial services program approved by the county board to identify any potential services, supports, or conditions that could be ordered to allow for the release of the defendant. Such screening shall be provided to the defendant's counsel who may request a further hearing seeking release of the defendant.

Sec. 15. Section 29-901.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

If the judge orders the defendant released the judge 20 29-901.01 shall release the defendant on the defendant's own recognizance or under 21 In determining which condition or conditions of release which shall 22 reasonably assure appearance and deter possible threats to the safety and 23 maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other 24 25 persons in the community, the judge shall, on the basis of available information, consider the defendant's financial ability to pay in setting 26 27 the amount of bond. The judge may also take into account the nature and 28 circumstances of the offense charged, including any information to indicate that the defendant might engage in additional criminal activity 29 30 or pose a threat to himself or herself, yet to be collected evidence, alleged victims, potential witnesses, or members of the general public, 31

the defendant's family ties, employment, the length of the defendant's residence in the community, the defendant's record of criminal convictions, and the defendant's record of appearances at court proceedings or of flight to avoid prosecution or of failure to appear at court proceedings.

Sec. 16. Section 29-901.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

(1) Any judge who shall authorize the release of a 8 29-901.02 9 defendant under section 29-901 shall issue a written order containing a 10 statement of the condition or conditions imposed and the time and date of the next hearing in the case. Such order  $\tau$  shall inform the defendant of 11 the penalties for violating any of the conditions of such release  $\tau$  and 12 shall advise the defendant that a warrant for the defendant's his arrest 13 may shall be issued immediately upon such violation. A copy of the order 14 15 shall be provided to the defendant upon his or her release from custody.

16 (2) Prior to being released, the defendant shall sign a copy of the 17 order as an acknowledgement that the defendant is subject to the 18 conditions set forth in the order. The defendant may sign the order:

19 (a) If the release occurs in district court, at the office of the
 20 clerk of the district court or at the jail; or

(b) If the release occurs in county court, at the office of the
clerk magistrate or at the jail.

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<u>(3) A defendant shall not be required to swear to a bond.</u>

24 Sec. 17. Section 29-901.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

26 29-901.04 Any judge who shall order the release of a defendant on 27 any condition specified in section 29-901 may at any time, following a 28 <u>hearing as provided in section 18 of this act</u>, amend <u>the judge's his</u> 29 order to impose additional or different conditions of release, but if the 30 <u>imposition of different or additional conditions results in the detention</u> 31 of the defendant as a result of his inability to meet such conditions,

the provisions of section 29-901.03 shall apply. 1 2 Sec. 18. (1) Any party shall be entitled to a review of the court's 3 findings regarding release on personal recognizance or release under conditions of release upon filing a written request for such hearing. 4 (2) The court shall hold a hearing prior to the issuance of any 5 order revoking or modifying release on personal recognizance or under 6 7 conditions of release, unless both parties stipulate to such revocation or modification. 8 9 (3) A motion requesting revocation or modification of release on 10 personal recognizance or release under conditions of release shall be filed no less than forty-eight hours prior to the time set for hearing 11 12 and served upon the other party in accordance with the statutes and rules governing service of such motions. 13 (4) If, following a hearing under this section, the court determines 14 that the defendant shall not be released on personal recognizance or 15 under conditions of release, the court shall: 16 17 (a) Make specific written findings explaining why such release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required or 18 could jeopardize the safety and maintenance of evidence or the safety of 19 victims, witnesses, or other persons in the community; 20 (b) Appoint counsel to any defendant found to be indigent if counsel 21 22 has not already been appointed; and (c) If such screening has not been previously ordered in the case, 23 24 order that the defendant be formally screened by a person, organization, 25 or pretrial services program approved by the county board to identify any potential services, supports, or conditions that could be ordered to 26 27 allow for the release of the defendant. Such screening shall be provided 28 to the defendant's counsel who may request a further hearing seeking release of the defendant. 29 Sec. 19. Section 29-901.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30

31 amended to read:

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1 29-901.06 When a <u>defendant</u> bailable <u>under Article I, section 9, of</u> 2 <u>the Constitution of Nebraska</u> <del>defendant</del> appears at any judicial proceeding 3 in which such defendant's <u>release</u> <del>bail</del> is being considered, the judge at 4 such proceeding shall inform the defendant of the condition or conditions 5 imposed on <u>the defendant's <del>his</del></u> release, the penalties for violating any 6 of the conditions of such release, and any options or alternatives 7 available to such defendant.

8 Sec. 20. Section 29-902.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 29-902.01 (1) The presiding judge of the county court in each county having a population of four hundred thousand or more inhabitants as 11 determined by the most recent federal decennial census shall, as often as 12 13 is necessary, meet and designate on a schedule not less than one judge of the county court to be reasonably available on call for the setting of 14 orders for discharge from actual custody upon personal recognizance or 15 conditions of release bail, the issuance of search warrants, and for such 16 17 other matters as may be deemed appropriate, at all times when a court is 18 not in session in the county.

(2) The officer in charge of a jail, or a person such officer designates, in which an arrested person is held in custody shall assist the arrested person or such person's attorney in contacting the judge on call as soon as possible for the purpose of obtaining release <u>personal</u> <u>recognizance or conditions of release</u> on bail.

24 Sec. 21. Section 29-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 25 amended to read:

26 29-903 <u>If</u> <u>In fixing the amount of bail, the judge admitting to the</u> 27 <u>same shall be governed in the amount and quality of bail required by the</u> 28 <u>direction of the district court in all cases where such court shall have</u> 29 <u>made any order or direction in that behalf. In the event that</u> the 30 <u>district court <u>designates</u> <u>shall designate</u> an official pretrial release 31 <u>agency for the district under section 29-909</u>, the judge may give</u>

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1 consideration to a report and recommendation of such agency and in the 2 event that such agency should recommend the release of the <u>defendant</u> 3 prisoner on <u>the defendant's his</u> own recognizance or <u>under conditions of</u> 4 <u>release</u>, the court may order release of such <u>defendant with or without</u> 5 <u>the conditions recommended by the pretrial release agency prisoner</u> 6 without the necessity of posting a cash deposit or requiring the sureties 7 <u>set out in section 29-901</u>.

8 Sec. 22. Section 29-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

29-904 In all cases <u>in which when</u> a judge <u>releases</u> or examining court shall recognize a <u>defendant</u> prisoner under the provisions of the three sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act, the judge shall issue , 29-902, and 29-903, he shall forthwith deposit with the clerk of the proper court the recognizance so taken, and also a warrant directed to the jailer requiring <u>the jailer</u> him to discharge the <u>defendant</u> prisoner.

17 Sec. 23. Section 29-908, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 18 amended to read:

19 29-908 (1) Any person who Whoever is charged with a felony and is 20 released from custody under bail, recognizance, or a conditioned release 21 and willfully fails to appear before the court granting such release when 22 legally required or to surrender himself within three days thereafter, 23 shall be guilty of a Class IV felony, in addition to any other penalties 24 or forfeitures provided by law.

25 (2) Any person who Whoever is charged with a misdemeanor or <u>a</u> 26 violation of city or village ordinance, conviction of which would carry a 27 jail sentence of more than ninety days, who is released from custody 28 under <del>bail or</del> recognizance or conditioned release and who willfully fails 29 to appear before the court granting such release when legally required <u>or</u> 30 to surrender <del>himself or</del> within three days thereafter<sub> $\tau$ </sub> shall be guilty of 31 a Class II misdemeanor, in addition to any other penalties <del>or forfeitures</del>

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Sec. 24. Section 29-909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

4 29-909 (1) The district courts of this state are authorized to designate an official pretrial release agency for a district, or for any 5 county within a district, whenever the court is satisfied that such 6 7 agency can render competent and effective assistance to the court in making its determination of the terms and conditions under which any 8 9 court should release a defendant prisoner from jail prior to trial. Each 10 county may create a pretrial services agency or delegate to an existing county department the responsibility to screen for pretrial release and 11 supervised people released by the court. Screening for eligibility and 12 13 conditions of release shall be done using an evidence-based risk assessment tool that has been proven not to discriminate on the basis of 14 income, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, sexual 15 orientation, gender identity, national origin, or citizenship status. 16

17 (2) When such a pretrial release agency has been designated, the judge of any court within the district or county in which such agency has 18 19 been authorized to operate may give consideration to a report and recommendation of such agency and in the event that such agency should 20 recommend the release of the defendant prisoner on the defendant's his 21 22 own recognizance or under conditions of release, the court may order the release of the <u>defendant</u> prisoner without the necessity of posting a cash 23 24 deposit or requiring any surety set out in section 29-901.

25 <u>(3)</u> Nothing in this section shall restrict any judge court from 26 releasing a <u>defendant</u> prisoner on his own recognizance, whether or not 27 <u>such judge</u> he has received a report or recommendation from a pretrial 28 release agency, if the judge determines that such type of release would 29 adequately serve the ends of justice.

30 Sec. 25. Section 29-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
31 2020, is amended to read:

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1 29-1201 Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, any 2 Any person held in jail and charged with an indictable offense shall be discharged if such person he or she is not indicted at the term of court 3 4 at which such person he or she is held to answer, unless such person is 5 committed to jail on such charge after the rising and final report of the grand jury for that term, in which case the court may release discharge 6 7 such person as provided in sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act , or require such person to enter into recognizance with 8 9 sufficient security for his or her appearance before such court to answer 10 such charge at the next term.

11 (2) A However, such person so held in jail without indictment shall 12 not be <u>released</u> discharged if it appears to the satisfaction of the court 13 that the witnesses on the part of the state have been enticed or kept 14 away or are detained and prevented from attending court by sickness or 15 some inevitable accident.

Sec. 26. Section 29-1605, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

29-1605 Any person who may, according to law, be committed to jail 18 or released as provided in sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 19 18 of this act become recognized or held to bail with sureties for his 20 appearance in court to answer to any indictment, may in like manner be 21 committed to jail or released as provided in sections 29-901 to 29-910 22 and sections 17 and 18 of this act become recognized and held to bail for 23 his appearance, to answer to any information or indictment, as the case 24 25 may be.

26 Sec. 27. Section 29-1606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

28 29-1606 It shall be the duty of the county attorney of the proper 29 county to inquire into and make full examination of all the facts and 30 circumstances connected with any case on preliminary examination, as 31 provided by law, touching the commission of any offense <u>for which</u> wherein

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the offender is shall be committed to jail or released as provided in 1 2 sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act , or become recognized or held to bail. If the prosecuting attorney determines shall 3 4 determine in any such case that an information ought not to be filed, such prosecuting attorney he shall make, subscribe, and file with the 5 clerk of the court a statement in writing, containing the his reasons, in 6 7 fact and in law, for not filing an information in such case. Such ; and such statement shall be filed at and during the term of court at which 8 9 the offender is shall be held for his appearance. In ; Provided, in such 10 case such court may examine the statement, together with the evidence filed in the case, and if  $\tau$  upon such examination  $\tau$  the court is shall not 11 be satisfied with the statement, the <u>court shall direct the</u> county 12 13 attorney shall be directed by the court to file the proper information and bring the case to trial. 14

Sec. 28. Section 29-1811, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 29-1811 When a motion to quash, or a plea in abatement, has been 18 adjudged in favor of the <u>defendant</u> accused, <u>the defendant</u> he may be 19 committed or <u>released as provided in sections 29-901 to 29-910 and</u> 20 <u>sections 17 and 18 of this act</u> held to bail in such sum as the court may 21 require for <u>the defendant's</u> his appearance at the first day of the next 22 term of said court.

Sec. 29. Section 29-2106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

25 29-2106 The effect of allowing a motion in arrest of judgment shall 26 be to place the defendant in the same position with respect to the 27 prosecution as before the indictment was found. If, from the evidence on 28 the trial, there shall be sufficient reason to believe <u>the defendant him</u> 29 guilty of an offense, the court shall <u>proceed as provided in sections</u> 30 <u>29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act</u> <del>order him to enter</del> 31 into a recognizance with sufficient security, conditioned for his

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appearance at the first day of the next term of the same court; otherwise
 the defendant shall be discharged.

3 Sec. 30. Section 29-2806, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 29-2806 When the judge shall have examined into the cause of the capture and detention of the person so brought before the judge him, and 6 7 such judge is shall be satisfied that the person is unlawfully imprisoned or detained, such judge he shall forthwith discharge such prisoner from 8 9 confinement. If In case the person or persons applying for such writ is 10 shall be confined or detained in a legal manner, on a charge of having committed any crime or offense, the judge shall, at the judge's his 11 discretion, commit, discharge, or let to bail release such person on 12 13 personal recognizance or on conditional release in accordance with sections 29-901 to 29-910 and sections 17 and 18 of this act or persons, 14 15 and if the judge shall deem the offense bailable, on the principles of law, he shall cause the person charged as aforesaid to enter into 16 17 recognizance, with one or more sufficient securities, in such sum as the judge shall think reasonable, given the circumstances of the defendant 18 19 prisoner and the nature of the offense charged considered, conditioned for the defendant's his appearance at the next court where the offense is 20 cognizable. The judge shall certify the his proceedings, together with 21 22 the recognizance, forthwith, to the proper court; and if the person or persons charged as aforesaid shall fail to enter into such recognizance, 23 24 he or they shall be committed to prison by such judge.

25 Sec. 31. Section 29-2809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:

27 29-2809 Any <u>defendant</u> person who shall be set at large upon any 28 habeas corpus<sub>au</sub> shall not be again imprisoned for the same offense<sub>au</sub> unless 29 by the legal order or process of the court wherein <u>such defendant is</u> he 30 or she shall be bound by recognizance to appear<sub>au</sub> or <u>of another</u> other 31 court having jurisdiction of the cause or offense. If any person shall</sub>

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1 knowingly, contrary to sections 29-2801 to 29-2824, recommit or imprison, 2 or cause to be recommitted or imprisoned for the same offense or 3 pretended offense, any <u>defendant person</u> so set at large, or shall 4 knowingly aid or assist therein, <u>such person he</u> shall forfeit to the 5 <u>defendant party aggrieved</u> five hundred dollars, any colorable pretense or 6 variation in the warrant or commitment notwithstanding.

7 Sec. 32. Section 33-117, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is8 amended to read:

9 33-117 (1) The several sheriffs shall charge and collect fees at the 10 rates specified in this section. The rates shall be as follows: (a) Serving a capias with commitment or bail bond and return, two dollars; 11 (b) serving a search warrant, two dollars; (c) arresting under a search 12 13 warrant, two dollars for each person so arrested; (d) unless otherwise specifically listed in subdivisions (f) to (s) of this subsection, 14 serving a summons, subpoena, order of attachment, order of replevin, 15 other order of the court, notice of motion, other notice, other writ or 16 document, or any combination thereof, including any accompanying or 17 attached documents, twelve dollars for each person served, except that 18 19 when more than one person is served at the same time and location in the same case, the service fee shall be twelve dollars for the first person 20 served at that time and location and three dollars for each other person 21 served at that time and location; (e) making a return of each summons, 22 subpoena, order of attachment, order of replevin, other order of the 23 court, notice of motion, other notice, or other writ or document, whether 24 25 served or not, six dollars; (f) taking and filing a replevin bond or other indemnification to be furnished and approved by the sheriff, one 26 dollar; (g) making a copy of any process, bond, or other paper not 27 28 otherwise provided for in this section, twenty-five cents per page; (h) traveling each mile actually and necessarily traveled within or without 29 their several counties in their official duties, three cents more per 30 mile than the rate provided in section 81-1176, except that the minimum 31

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fee shall be fifty cents when the service is made within one mile of the 1 2 courthouse, and, as far as is expedient, all papers in the hands of the sheriff at any one time shall be served in one or more trips by the most 3 4 direct route or routes and only one mileage fee shall be charged for a single trip, the total mileage cost to be computed as a unit for each 5 trip and the combined mileage cost of each trip to be prorated among the 6 7 persons or parties liable for the payment of same; (i) levying a writ or a court order and return thereof, eighteen dollars; (j) summoning a grand 8 9 jury, not including mileage to be paid by the county, ten dollars; (k) summoning a petit jury, not including mileage to be paid by the county, 10 twelve dollars; (1) summoning a special jury, for each person impaneled, 11 fifty cents; (m) calling a jury for a trial of a case or cause, fifty 12 13 cents; (n) executing a writ of restitution or a writ of assistance and return, eighteen dollars; (o) calling an inquest to appraise lands and 14 tenements levied on by execution, one dollar; (p) calling an inquest to 15 16 appraise goods and chattels taken by an order of attachment or replevin, one dollar; (g) advertising a sale in a newspaper in addition to the 17 price of printing, one dollar; (r) advertising in writing for a sale of 18 19 real or personal property, five dollars; and (s) making deeds for land sold on execution or order of sale, five dollars. 20

(2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, the commission due a sheriff on an execution or order of sale, an order of attachment decree, or a sale of real or personal property shall be: For each dollar not exceeding four hundred dollars, six cents; for every dollar above four hundred dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars, four cents; and for every dollar above one thousand dollars, two cents.

(b) In real estate foreclosure, when any party to the original
action purchases the property or when no money is received or disbursed
by the sheriff, the commission shall be computed pursuant to subdivision
(a) of this subsection but shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

31 (3) The sheriff shall, on the first Tuesday in January, April, July,

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and October of each year, make a report to the county board showing (a) the different items of fees, except mileage, collected or earned, from whom, at what time, and for what service, (b) the total amount of the fees collected or earned by the officer since the last report, and (c) the amount collected or earned for the current year. He or she shall pay all fees earned to the county treasurer who shall credit the fees to the general fund of the county.

8 (4) Any future adjustment made to the reimbursement rate provided in 9 subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to apply to all provisions 10 of law which refer to this section for the computation of mileage.

11 (5) Commencing on and after January 1, 1988, all fees earned 12 pursuant to this section, except fees for mileage, by any constable who 13 is a salaried employee of the State of Nebraska shall be remitted to the 14 clerk of the county court. The clerk of the county court shall pay the 15 same to the General Fund.

Sec. 33. Section 42-929, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

42-929 A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to section 42-928 18 shall take such person into custody and take such person before a judge 19 of the county court or the court which issued the protection order. At 20 such time the court shall establish the conditions of such person's 21 release from custody as provided in sections 29-901 to 29-910 and 22 sections 17 and 18 of this act , including the determination of bond or 23 24 recognizance, as the case may be. The court shall issue an order 25 directing that such person shall have no contact with the alleged victim of the abuse or violation. 26

27 Sec. 34. Section 43-253, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 28 2020, is amended to read:

43-253 (1) Upon delivery to the probation officer of a juvenile who
has been taken into temporary custody under section 29-401, 43-248, or
43-250, the probation officer shall immediately investigate the situation

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of the juvenile and the nature and circumstances of the events
 surrounding his or her being taken into custody. Such investigation may
 be by informal means when appropriate.

4 (2) The probation officer's decision to release the juvenile from 5 custody or place the juvenile in detention or an alternative to detention 6 shall be based upon the results of the standardized juvenile detention 7 screening instrument described in section 43-260.01.

8 (3) No juvenile who has been taken into temporary custody under 9 subdivision (1)(c) of section 43-250 or subsection (6) of section 43-286.01 or pursuant to an alleged violation of an order for conditional 10 release shall be detained in any detention facility or be subject to an 11 alternative to detention infringing upon the juvenile's liberty interest 12 for longer than twenty-four hours, excluding nonjudicial days, after 13 having been taken into custody unless such juvenile has appeared 14 personally before a court of competent jurisdiction for a hearing to 15 16 determine if continued detention, services, or supervision is necessary. The juvenile shall be represented by counsel at the hearing. Whether such 17 counsel shall be provided at the cost of the county shall be determined 18 as provided in subsection (1) of section 43-272. If continued secure 19 detention is ordered, such detention shall be in a juvenile detention 20 facility, except that a juvenile charged with a felony as an adult in 21 county or district court may be held in an adult jail as set forth in 22 23 subdivision (1)(c)(v) of section 43-250. A juvenile placed in an alternative to detention, but not in detention, may waive this hearing 24 25 through counsel.

(4) When the probation officer deems it to be in the best interests of the juvenile, the probation officer shall immediately release such juvenile to the custody of his or her parent. If the juvenile has both a custodial and a noncustodial parent and the probation officer deems that release of the juvenile to the custodial parent is not in the best interests of the juvenile, the probation officer shall, if it is deemed

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1 to be in the best interests of the juvenile, attempt to contact the 2 noncustodial parent, if any, of the juvenile and to release the juvenile 3 to such noncustodial parent. If such release is not possible or not 4 deemed to be in the best interests of the juvenile, the probation officer 5 may release the juvenile to the custody of a legal guardian, a 6 responsible relative, or another responsible person.

7 (5) The court may place admit such juvenile on conditional release, to bail by bond in such amount and on such conditions and security as the 8 9 court, in its sole discretion, shall determine, or the court may proceed 10 as provided in section 43-254. In no case shall the court or probation officer release such juvenile if it appears that: (a) Before July  $1_r$ 11 12 2019, further detention or placement of such juvenile is a matter of 13 immediate and urgent necessity for the protection of such juvenile or the person or property of another or if it appears that such juvenile is 14 15 likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court; and (b) On or after July  $1_7$  $2019_{\tau}$  the physical safety of persons in the community would be seriously 16 17 threatened or that detention is necessary to secure the presence of the juvenile at the next hearing, as evidenced by a demonstrable record of 18 19 willful failure to appear at a scheduled court hearing within the last twelve months. 20

21 Sec. 35. Section 43-255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read:

43-255 Whenever a juvenile is detained or placed in an alternative 23 24 to detention infringing upon the child's liberty interest under section 25 43-250 or 43-253, the juvenile shall be released unconditionally within forty-eight hours after the detention or placement order or the setting 26 of conditions of release bond, excluding nonjudicial days, unless within 27 such period of time (1) a motion has been filed alleging that such 28 juvenile has violated an order of the juvenile court, (2) a juvenile 29 court petition has been filed pursuant to section 43-274, or (3) a 30 criminal complaint has been filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. 31

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1 Sec. 36. Section 49-801, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 2 amended to read: 49-801 Unless the context is shown to intend otherwise, words and 3 phrases in the statutes of Nebraska hereafter enacted are used in the 4 following sense: 5 (1) Acquire when used in connection with a grant of power or 6 7 property right to any person includes shall include the purchase, grant, gift, devise, bequest, and obtaining by eminent domain; 8 9 (2) Action includes shall include any proceeding in any court of 10 this state; (3) Attorney means shall mean attorney at law; 11 (4) Bail means the process by which a person is released from 12 custody either on his or her own recognizance or under conditions of 13 release imposed by a court; 14 (5) (4) Company includes shall include any corporation, partnership, 15 limited liability company, joint-stock company, joint venture, 16 or 17 association; (6) (5) Domestic when applied to corporations means shall mean all 18 those created by authority of this state; 19 (7) (6) Federal refers shall refer to the United States; 20 (8) (7) Foreign when applied to corporations <u>includes</u> shall include 21 22 all those created by authority other than that of this state; (9) (8) Grantee includes shall include every person to whom any 23 estate or interest passes in or by any conveyance; 24 25 (10) (9) Grantor includes shall include every person from or by whom any estate or interest passes in or by any conveyance; 26 (11) (10) Inhabitant shall be construed to mean a resident in the 27 particular locality in reference to which that word is used; 28 29 (12) (11) Land or real estate <u>includes</u> shall include lands, tenements, and hereditaments and all rights thereto and interest therein 30 other than a chattel interest; 31

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(13) (12) Magistrate <u>includes</u> shall include judge of the county
 court and clerk magistrate;

3 (14) (13) Month means shall mean calendar month;

4 (15) (14) Oath <u>includes</u> shall include affirmation in all cases in
5 which an affirmation may be substituted for an oath;

6 <u>(16)</u> <del>(15)</del> Peace officer <u>includes</u> <del>shall include</del> sheriffs, coroners, 7 jailers, marshals, police officers, state highway patrol officers, 8 members of the National Guard on active service by direction of the 9 Governor during periods of emergency, and all other persons with similar 10 authority to make arrests;

11 (17) (16) Person <u>includes</u> shall include bodies politic and 12 corporate, societies, communities, the public generally, individuals, 13 partnerships, limited liability companies, joint-stock companies, and 14 associations;

(18) (17) Personal estate <u>includes</u> shall include money, goods,
 chattels, claims, and evidences of debt;

17 (19) (18) Process means shall mean a summons, subpoena, or notice to
 18 appear issued out of a court in the course of judicial proceedings;

<u>(20)</u> (19) Service animal <u>has</u> shall have the same meaning as in 28
 C.F.R. 36.104, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2008;

(21) (20) State when applied to different states of the United
 States shall be construed to extend to and include the District of
 Columbia and the several territories organized by Congress;

(22) (21) Sworn <u>includes</u> shall include affirmed in all cases in
 which an affirmation may be substituted for an oath;

<u>(23)</u> (22) The United States <u>includes</u> shall include territories,
 outlying possessions, and the District of Columbia;

28 (24) (23) Violate <u>includes</u> shall include failure to comply with;

(25) (24) Writ means shall signify an order or citation in writing
 issued in the name of the state out of a court or by a judicial officer;
 and

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(26) (25) Year means shall mean calendar year.

Sec. 37. Section 60-1307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

60-1307 (1) Whenever any person is arrested at one of the state 4 weighing stations or portable scales for a violation of the laws relating 5 to the trip permit provided in section 66-1418, the Motor Vehicle 6 7 Registration Act, or the laws relating to the size, weight, and load of buses, trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers, trailers, or towed vehicles, 8 9 the arresting officer shall take the name and address of such person and the license number of his or her motor vehicle and issue a summons or 10 otherwise notify him or her in writing to appear at a time and place to 11 be specified in such summons or notice, such time to be at least five 12 days after such arrest unless the person arrested demands an earlier 13 14 hearing. Such person shall, if he or she desires, have a right to an immediate hearing or a hearing within twenty-four hours at a convenient 15 16 hour. The hearing shall be before a magistrate within the county in which the offense was committed. Such officer shall, upon such person giving a 17 written promise to appear at such time and place, release him or her from 18 custody. Such person arrested and released shall not be permitted to 19 operate the motor vehicle concerned until it is in compliance with the 20 Motor Vehicle Registration Act and section 60-6,301. Any person refusing 21 to give such written promise to appear shall be immediately taken by the 22 23 arresting officer before the nearest or most accessible magistrate. Any 24 person who willfully violates a written promise to appear given in accordance with this section shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor 25 regardless of the disposition of the charge upon which he or she was 26 originally arrested. 27

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any person not
a resident of the State of Nebraska. The arresting officer shall take
such person forthwith before the nearest or most accessible magistrate.

31 (3)(a) The arresting officer shall seize and detain the motor

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vehicle concerned until the motor vehicle is in compliance with section 1 2 60-6,294 or in conformity with the exceptions permitted by section 60-6,301, and unless all the violations pending before the magistrate 3 relating to section 60-6,294 have been the subject of a conviction, 4 acquittal, or dismissal and all related fines and costs have been paid, 5 the arresting officer may detain the motor vehicle concerned when the 6 officer has reasonable grounds to believe that (i) the accused will 7 refuse to respond to the citation, (ii) the accused has no ties to the 8 9 jurisdiction reasonably sufficient to assure his or her appearance in court, or (iii) the accused has previously failed to appear in response 10 to a citation. 11

(b) If a motor vehicle detained pursuant to this section is transporting livestock, procedures and precautions shall be taken if necessary to ensure the health and welfare of such livestock while the motor vehicle is detained.

(c) A motor vehicle detained pursuant to this subsection shall be 16 17 released upon execution of a bond with such surety or sureties as the court deems proper or, in lieu of such surety or sureties and at the 18 option of the accused, a cash deposit, conditioned upon his or her 19 appearance before the proper court to answer the offense for which he or 20 she may be charged and to appear at such times thereafter as the court so 21 orders. Such bond shall be in an amount as set forth in the schedule 22 adopted under subsection (5) of this section pursuant to section 23 24 29-901.05 and shall be administered, subject to review and forfeiture, in the same manner as bail bonds, except that for violations of section 25 60-6,294, such bond or cash deposit shall be in an amount not less than 26 27 the sum of costs together with the appropriate fine prescribed in section 60-6,296. Such bond shall be administered pursuant and subject to rules 28 adopted by the Supreme Court. 29

30 (d) In addition to the operator, any owner or lessee of the motor31 vehicle may execute the bond or make the cash deposit required by this

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section. Upon execution of the bond or cash deposit, the arresting or
 custodial officer shall release the motor vehicle and cargo to the person
 who executed the bond or deposited the cash or to the designee of such
 person.

5 (e) Towing and storage charges, if any, shall be paid by the person 6 to whom the motor vehicle is released prior to the release of the motor 7 vehicle. Such charges shall be assessed as costs in any action for the 8 forfeiture of the recognizance.

9 (4) Nothing in this section shall (a) prevent the owner or the 10 owner's representative of such motor vehicle or the cargo on the motor 11 vehicle from taking possession of the cargo and transferring it to 12 another vehicle or taking possession of the cargo and the trailer, if the 13 trailer can be separated from the power unit, or (b) create any liability 14 for the state arising out of damage to such motor vehicle and its cargo.

15 (5) The Director of Motor Vehicles shall adopt and promulgate rules 16 and regulations containing a schedule for bonds required by this section. 17 The initial schedule shall be based upon the schedule set forth in 18 section 29-901.05 as such section existed prior to the effective date of 19 this act. The director may by rule and regulation revise the schedule 20 from time to time as he or she deems necessary.

Original sections 14-603, 23-1808, 24-519, 25-1023, 21 Sec. 38. 22 25-10,101, 25-1544, 25-2730, 29-401, 29-428, 29-506, 29-901.02, 29-901.04, 29-901.06, 29-902.01, 29-903, 29-904, 29-908, 29-909, 29-1605, 23 29-1606, 29-1811, 29-2106, 29-2806, 29-2809, 33-117, 42-929, 43-255, 24 25 49-801, and 60-1307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09, 28-311.11, 29-422, 29-901, 29-901.01, 29-1201, and 43-253, 26 27 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, are repealed.

Sec. 39. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
29.901.03, 29-901.05, 29-902, 29-905, 29-906, 29-907, 29-1105, 29-1106,
30.29-1107, 29-1108, 29-1109, 29-1110, and 60-686, Reissue Revised Statutes
31. of Nebraska.

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