

AMENDMENTS TO LB126

Introduced by Revenue.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. Section 77-3501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           77-3501 For purposes of sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2,  
6 3, 4, and 9 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
7 definitions found in sections 77-3501.01 to 77-3505.05 and sections 2, 3,  
8 and 4 of this act shall be used.

9           Sec. 2. Household asset means property of a claimant and spouse, and  
10 any additional owners who are natural persons and who occupy the  
11 homestead.

12           Sec. 3. Occupy means to reside on a property with the intention of  
13 maintaining the property as the owner's primary residence. A departure  
14 from the property for reasons of health or legal duty shall not  
15 disqualify the owner of the property from receiving an exemption under  
16 sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of this act, so  
17 long as the owner demonstrates an intention to return to the property.

18           Sec. 4. Qualified census tract means a qualified census tract as  
19 defined in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on  
20 January 1, 2024.

21           Sec. 5. Section 77-3505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23           77-3505 A qualified claimant shall mean an owner of a homestead  
24 during the calendar year for which the claim is made who was sixty-five  
25 years of age or older before January 1 of such year and who shall be  
26 entitled to relief pursuant to section 77-3507 or section 9 of this act.

27           Sec. 6. Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is

1 amended to read:

2 77-3506 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
3 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
4 from taxation, on any homestead described in subsection (2) of this  
5 section, one hundred percent of the exempt amount.

6 (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall  
7 apply to homesteads of:

8 (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
9 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
10 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
11 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected permanent  
12 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections  
13 77-3526 to 77-3528;

14 (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in  
15 subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a  
16 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

17 (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
18 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
19 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
20 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected temporary  
21 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections  
22 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried spouse of such a veteran, or a  
23 surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the age  
24 of fifty-seven years;

25 (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a  
26 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was  
27 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or  
28 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-  
29 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who  
30 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

31 (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman,

1 including a veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01,  
2 whose death while on active duty was service-connected or a surviving  
3 spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining  
4 the age of fifty-seven years; and

5 (f) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman  
6 who died while on active duty during the periods described in section  
7 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who  
8 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years.

9 (3) Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of this  
10 section shall be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible by  
11 five and shall include certification of the status described in  
12 subdivision (2)(a) of this section from the United States Department of  
13 Veterans Affairs. Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(b),  
14 (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section shall be required annually and  
15 shall include certification of the status described in subdivision (2)  
16 (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section from the United States  
17 Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such certification of status  
18 shall only be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible by five.

19 (4) Only claimants that received a homestead exemption under this  
20 section in 2024 and every year thereafter shall be eligible for a  
21 homestead exemption under this section.

22 Sec. 7. Section 77-3507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 77-3507 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
25 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
26 from taxation on homesteads of qualified claimants a percentage of the  
27 exempt amount as limited by section 77-3506.03. The percentage of the  
28 exempt amount shall be determined based on the household income of a  
29 claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this section.

30 (2) For 2014, for a qualified married or closely related claimant,  
31 the percentage of the exempt amount for which the claimant shall be

1 eligible shall be the percentage in Column B which corresponds with the  
2 claimant's household income in Column A in the table found in this  
3 subsection.

4	Column A	Column B
5	Household Income	Percentage
6	In Dollars	Of Relief
7	0 through 31,600	100
8	31,601 through 33,300	90
9	33,301 through 35,000	80
10	35,001 through 36,700	70
11	36,701 through 38,400	60
12	38,401 through 40,100	50
13	40,101 through 41,800	40
14	41,801 through 43,500	30
15	43,501 through 45,200	20
16	45,201 through 46,900	10
17	46,901 and over	0

18 (3) For 2014, for a qualified single claimant, the percentage of the  
19 exempt amount for which the claimant shall be eligible shall be the  
20 percentage in Column B which corresponds with the claimant's household  
21 income in Column A in the table found in this subsection.

22	Column A	Column B
23	Household Income	Percentage
24	In Dollars	Of Relief
25	0 through 26,900	100
26	26,901 through 28,300	90
27	28,301 through 29,700	80
28	29,701 through 31,100	70
29	31,101 through 32,500	60

1	32,501 through 33,900	50
2	33,901 through 35,300	40
3	35,301 through 36,700	30
4	36,701 through 38,100	20
5	38,101 through 39,500	10
6	39,501 and over	0

7 (4) For exemption applications filed in calendar years 2015 through  
8 2017, the income eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
9 section shall be adjusted by the percentage determined pursuant to the  
10 provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it  
11 existed prior to December 22, 2017. For exemption applications filed in  
12 calendar year 2018 and each calendar year thereafter, the income  
13 eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
14 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
15 Urban Consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics from  
16 the twelve months ending on August 31, 2016, to the twelve months ending  
17 on August 31 of the year preceding the applicable calendar year. The  
18 income eligibility amounts shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation  
19 since 2014. If any amount is not a multiple of one hundred dollars, the  
20 amount shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one hundred  
21 dollars.

22 (5) Only claimants that received a homestead exemption under this  
23 section in 2024 and every year thereafter shall be eligible for a  
24 homestead exemption under this section.

25 Sec. 8. Section 77-3508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
26 2022, is amended to read:

27 77-3508 (1)(a) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
28 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
29 from taxation, on any homestead described in subdivision (b) of this  
30 subsection, a percentage of the exempt amount as limited by section

1 77-3506.03. The exemption shall be based on the household income of a  
2 claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this section.

3 (b) The exemption described in subdivision (a) of this subsection  
4 shall apply to homesteads of:

5 (i) Veterans as defined in section 80-401.01 who were discharged or  
6 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general  
7 (under honorable conditions) and who are totally disabled by a non-  
8 service-connected accident or illness;

9 (ii) Individuals who have a permanent physical disability and have  
10 lost all mobility so as to preclude locomotion without the use of a  
11 mechanical aid or a prosthetic device as defined in section 77-2704.09;

12 (iii) Individuals who have undergone amputation of both arms above  
13 the elbow or who have a permanent partial disability of both arms in  
14 excess of seventy-five percent; and

15 (iv) Beginning January 1, 2015, individuals who have a developmental  
16 disability as defined in section 83-1205.

17 (c) Application for the exemption described in subdivision (a) of  
18 this subsection shall include certification from a qualified medical  
19 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for  
20 subdivisions (b)(i) through (b)(iii) of this subsection, certification  
21 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs affirming that the  
22 homeowner is totally disabled due to non-service-connected accident or  
23 illness for subdivision (b)(i) of this subsection, or certification from  
24 the Department of Health and Human Services for subdivision (b)(iv) of  
25 this subsection. Such certification from a qualified medical physician,  
26 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse or from the  
27 Department of Health and Human Services shall be made on forms prescribed  
28 by the Department of Revenue. If an individual described in subdivision  
29 (b)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this subsection is granted a homestead  
30 exemption pursuant to this section for any year, such individual shall  
31 not be required to submit the certification required under this

1 subdivision in succeeding years if no change in medical condition has  
2 occurred, except that the county assessor or the Tax Commissioner may  
3 request such certification to verify that no change in medical condition  
4 has occurred.

5 (2) For 2014, for a married or closely related claimant as described  
6 in subsection (1) of this section, the percentage of the exempt amount  
7 for which the claimant shall be eligible shall be the percentage in  
8 Column B which corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column  
9 A in the table found in this subsection.

10	Column A	Column B
11	Household Income	Percentage
12	In Dollars	Of Relief
13	0 through 34,700	100
14	34,701 through 36,400	90
15	36,401 through 38,100	80
16	38,101 through 39,800	70
17	39,801 through 41,500	60
18	41,501 through 43,200	50
19	43,201 through 44,900	40
20	44,901 through 46,600	30
21	46,601 through 48,300	20
22	48,301 through 50,000	10
23	50,001 and over	0

24 (3) For 2014, for a single claimant as described in subsection (1)  
25 of this section, the percentage of the exempt amount for which the  
26 claimant shall be eligible shall be the percentage in Column B which  
27 corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the table  
28 found in this subsection.

29	Column A	Column B
30	Household Income	Percentage

	In Dollars	Of Relief
1		
2	0 through 30,300	100
3	30,301 through 31,700	90
4	31,701 through 33,100	80
5	33,101 through 34,500	70
6	34,501 through 35,900	60
7	35,901 through 37,300	50
8	37,301 through 38,700	40
9	38,701 through 40,100	30
10	40,101 through 41,500	20
11	41,501 through 42,900	10
12	42,901 and over	0

13 (4) For exemption applications filed in calendar years 2015 through  
14 2017, the income eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
15 section shall be adjusted by the percentage determined pursuant to the  
16 provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it  
17 existed prior to December 22, 2017. For exemption applications filed in  
18 calendar year 2018 and each calendar year thereafter, the income  
19 eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
20 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
21 Urban Consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics from  
22 the twelve months ending on August 31, 2016, to the twelve months ending  
23 on August 31 of the year preceding the applicable calendar year. The  
24 income eligibility amounts shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation  
25 since 2014. If any amount is not a multiple of one hundred dollars, the  
26 amount shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one hundred  
27 dollars.

28 (5) Only claimants that received a homestead exemption under this  
29 section in 2024 and every year thereafter shall be eligible for a  
30 homestead exemption under this section.



1       Sec. 9. (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
2 taxation the same as other property, except that the maximum amount of  
3 property taxes for any homestead described in subsection (2) of this  
4 section shall be limited as provided in this section.

5       (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall  
6 apply to homesteads of:

7       (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
8 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
9 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs because the veteran is at least fifty percent disabled due to a  
11 service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption  
12 under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528;

13       (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in  
14 subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a  
15 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

16       (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
17 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),  
18 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans  
19 Affairs because the veteran is at least fifty percent disabled due to a  
20 service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption  
21 under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried spouse of such a  
22 veteran, or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after  
23 attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

24       (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a  
25 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was  
26 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or  
27 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-  
28 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who  
29 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

30       (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman,  
31 including a veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01,

1 whose death while on active duty was service-connected or a surviving  
2 spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining  
3 the age of fifty-seven years;

4 (f) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman  
5 who died while on active duty during the periods described in section  
6 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who  
7 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

8 (g) A qualified claimant;

9 (h) A veteran as defined in section 80-401.01 who was discharged or  
10 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general  
11 (under honorable conditions) and who is totally disabled by a non-  
12 service-connected accident or illness;

13 (i) An individual who has a permanent physical disability and has  
14 lost all mobility so as to preclude locomotion without the use of a  
15 mechanical aid or a prosthetic device as defined in section 77-2704.09;

16 (j) An individual who has undergone amputation of both arms above  
17 the elbow or who has a permanent partial disability of both arms in  
18 excess of seventy-five percent; and

19 (k) An individual who has a developmental disability as defined in  
20 section 83-1205.

21 (3)(a) For 2025, for a married or closely related claimant described  
22 in subsection (2) of this section, the minimum amount of taxes on the  
23 homestead the claimant shall pay shall be one thousand two hundred  
24 dollars and the maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the claimant  
25 shall pay is one thousand two hundred dollars plus the amount in Column B  
26 which corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the  
27 table found in this subsection.

28	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
29	<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Amount of Addition</u>
30	<u>In Dollars</u>	<u>In Dollars</u>

1	<u>0 through 38,900</u>	<u>0</u>
2	<u>38,910 through 40,000</u>	<u>120</u>
3	<u>40,001 through 45,000</u>	<u>600</u>
4	<u>45,001 through 50,000</u>	<u>900</u>
5	<u>50,001 through 55,000</u>	<u>1200</u>
6	<u>55,001 through 60,000</u>	<u>1500</u>
7	<u>60,001 through 65,000</u>	<u>1800</u>
8	<u>65,001 through 70,000</u>	<u>2100</u>
9	<u>70,001 through 75,000</u>	<u>2400</u>
10	<u>75,001 through 80,000</u>	<u>2700</u>
11	<u>80,001 through 85,000</u>	<u>3000</u>
12	<u>85,001 through 90,000</u>	<u>3300</u>
13	<u>90,001 through 95,000</u>	<u>3600</u>
14	<u>95,000 through 100,000</u>	<u>4800</u>

15 (b) For a claimant with household income greater than one hundred  
16 thousand dollars, the maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the  
17 claimant shall pay shall be the amount of taxes due if the homestead was  
18 valued at its actual value with one hundred thousand dollars subtracted  
19 from its actual value.

20 (4)(a) For 2025, for a single claimant described in subsection (2)  
21 of this section, the minimum amount of taxes on the homestead the  
22 claimant shall pay shall be one thousand two hundred dollars and the  
23 maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the claimant shall pay is one  
24 thousand two hundred dollars plus the amount in Column B which  
25 corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the table  
26 found in this subsection.

27	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
28	<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Amount of Addition</u>
29	<u>In Dollars</u>	<u>In Dollars</u>
30	<u>0 through 27,236</u>	<u>0</u>

1	<u>27,237 through 28,000</u>	<u>120</u>
2	<u>28,001 through 31,500</u>	<u>600</u>
3	<u>31,501 through 35,000</u>	<u>900</u>
4	<u>35,001 through 38,500</u>	<u>1200</u>
5	<u>38,501 through 42,000</u>	<u>1500</u>
6	<u>42,001 through 45,500</u>	<u>1800</u>
7	<u>45,501 through 49,000</u>	<u>2100</u>
8	<u>49,001 through 52,500</u>	<u>2400</u>
9	<u>52,501 through 56,000</u>	<u>2700</u>
10	<u>56,001 through 59,500</u>	<u>3000</u>
11	<u>59,501 through 63,000</u>	<u>3300</u>
12	<u>63,001 through 66,500</u>	<u>3600</u>
13	<u>66,501 through 70,000</u>	<u>4800</u>

14       (b) For a claimant with household income greater than seventy  
15 thousand dollars, the maximum amount of taxes on the homestead the  
16 claimant shall pay shall be the amount of taxes due if the homestead was  
17 valued at its actual value with one hundred thousand dollars subtracted  
18 from its actual value.

19       (5) For exemption applications filed in calendar year 2026 and each  
20 calendar year thereafter, the income eligibility amounts in subsections  
21 (3) and (4) of this section shall be adjusted by the percentage change in  
22 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the federal  
23 Bureau of Labor Statistics from the twelve months ending on August 31,  
24 2024, to the twelve months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the  
25 applicable calendar year. The income eligibility amounts shall be  
26 adjusted for cumulative inflation since 2025. If any amount is not a  
27 multiple of one hundred dollars, the amount shall be rounded to the next  
28 lower multiple of one hundred dollars.

29       (6) In order to qualify for exemption under this section, the value  
30 of the total household assets of a claimant at any point in the three

1 years prior to the application shall be equal to or less than one million  
2 dollars.

3 (7)(a) Application for exemption under this section for a homestead  
4 described in subdivision (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this  
5 section shall include certification of the status described in  
6 subdivision (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section from the  
7 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such  
8 certification of status shall only be required in every subsequent year  
9 evenly divisible by five.

10 (b) Application for exemption under this section for a homestead  
11 described in subdivision (2)(h), (i), (j), or (k) of this section shall  
12 include certification from a qualified medical physician, physician  
13 assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for subdivisions (2)(h)  
14 through (k) of this section, certification from the United States  
15 Department of Veterans Affairs affirming that the homeowner is totally  
16 disabled due to non-service-connected accident or illness for subdivision  
17 (2)(h) of this section, or certification from the Department of Health  
18 and Human Services for subdivision (2)(k) of this section. Such  
19 certification from a qualified medical physician, physician assistant, or  
20 advanced practice registered nurse or from the Department of Health and  
21 Human Services shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department of  
22 Revenue. If an individual described in subdivision (2)(h), (i), (j), or  
23 (k) of this section is granted a homestead exemption pursuant to this  
24 section for any year, such individual shall not be required to submit the  
25 certification required under this subdivision in succeeding years if no  
26 change in medical condition has occurred, except that the county assessor  
27 or the Tax Commissioner may request such certification to verify that no  
28 change in medical condition has occurred.

29 (c) Application for exemption under this section for a homestead of  
30 a qualified claimant shall include documentation that shows that the  
31 qualified claimant has begun receiving social security benefits, railroad

1 retirement benefits, benefits from the Civil Service Retirement System,  
2 or benefits from any other retirement system that does not include social  
3 security as a retirement component.

4 (8) For any purchaser or new owner of property in a qualified census  
5 tract that receives a homestead exemption for such property under section  
6 9 of this act, the property shall be valued at fifty percent of its  
7 actual value for purposes of taxation for the year the property was  
8 purchased or acquired and for the four years immediately following the  
9 year the homestead was acquired.

10 Sec. 10. Section 77-3509.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
11 is amended to read:

12 77-3509.01 If an owner of a homestead applies for an exemption under  
13 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 9 of this act for any  
14 year and such owner subsequently becomes the owner of another homestead  
15 prior to August 15 of such year, the owner may file an application with  
16 the county assessor of the county where the new homestead is located for  
17 a transfer of the exemption to the new homestead. The owner shall file  
18 the application for transfer with the county assessor on or before August  
19 15 of such year or within thirty days after receiving a notice of  
20 rejection on the owner's application for exemption for the original  
21 homestead. The county assessor shall examine each application for  
22 transfer and determine whether or not the new homestead, except for the  
23 January 1 through August 15 ownership and occupancy requirement and the  
24 income requirements, is eligible for exemption under section 77-3506,  
25 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 9 of this act. If the application for  
26 transfer is approved by the county assessor, he or she shall make a  
27 deduction upon the assessment rolls using the same criteria as previously  
28 applied to the original homestead. The county assessor may allow the  
29 application for transfer to also be considered an application for a  
30 homestead exemption for the subsequent year.

31 Sec. 11. Section 77-3509.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

1 is amended to read:

2 77-3509.03 All property tax statements for homesteads granted an  
3 exemption in sections 77-3506, 77-3507, and 77-3508 and section 9 of this  
4 act shall show the amount of the exemption, the tax that would otherwise  
5 be due, and a statement that the tax loss shall be reimbursed by the  
6 state as a homestead exemption.

7 Sec. 12. Section 77-3510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 77-3510 On or before February 1 of each year, the Tax Commissioner  
10 shall prescribe forms to be used by all claimants for homestead exemption  
11 or for transfer of homestead exemption. Such forms shall contain  
12 provisions for the showing of all information which the Tax Commissioner  
13 may deem necessary to (1) enable the county officials and the Tax  
14 Commissioner to determine whether each claim for exemption under sections  
15 77-3506, 77-3507, and 77-3508 and section 9 of this act should be allowed  
16 and (2) enable the county assessor to determine whether each claim for  
17 transfer of homestead exemption pursuant to section 77-3509.01 should be  
18 allowed. It shall be the duty of the county assessor of each county in  
19 this state to furnish such forms, upon request, to each person desiring  
20 to make application for homestead exemption or for transfer of homestead  
21 exemption. The forms so prescribed shall be used uniformly throughout the  
22 state, and no application for exemption or for transfer of homestead  
23 exemption shall be allowed unless the applicant uses the prescribed form  
24 in making an application. The forms shall require the attachment of an  
25 income statement for any applicant seeking an exemption under section  
26 77-3507 or 77-3508 or section 9 of this act as prescribed by the Tax  
27 Commissioner fully accounting for all household income. The Tax  
28 Commissioner shall provide to each county assessor claim forms and  
29 address lists of applicants from the prior year in the manner approved by  
30 the Tax Commissioner. The application and information contained on any  
31 attachments to the application shall be confidential and available to tax

1 officials only.

2 Sec. 13. Section 77-3511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 77-3511 The application for homestead exemption or for transfer of  
5 homestead exemption shall be signed by the owner of the property who  
6 qualifies for exemption under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2,  
7 3, 4, and 9 of this act unless the owner is an incompetent or unable to  
8 make such application, in which case it shall be signed by the guardian.  
9 If an owner who in all respects qualifies for a homestead exemption under  
10 such sections dies after January 1 and before the last day for filing an  
11 application for a homestead exemption and before applying for a homestead  
12 exemption, his or her personal representative may file the application  
13 for exemption on or before the last day for filing an application for a  
14 homestead exemption of that year if the surviving spouse of such owner  
15 continues to occupy the homestead. Any exemption granted as a result of  
16 such application signed by a personal representative shall be in effect  
17 for only the year in which the owner died.

18 Sec. 14. Section 77-3512, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
19 amended to read:

20 77-3512 (1) It shall be the duty of each owner who wants a homestead  
21 exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 9 of this  
22 act to file an application therefor with the county assessor of the  
23 county in which the homestead is located after February 1 and on or  
24 before June 30 of each year, except that:

25 (a) The county board of the county in which the homestead is located  
26 may, by majority vote, extend the deadline for an applicant to on or  
27 before July 20. An extension shall not be granted to an applicant who  
28 received an extension in the immediately preceding year;

29 (b) An owner may file a late application pursuant to section  
30 77-3514.01 if he or she includes documentation of a medical condition  
31 which impaired the owner's ability to file the application in a timely



1 manner;

2 (c) An owner may file a late application pursuant to section  
3 77-3514.01 if he or she includes a copy of the death certificate of a  
4 spouse who died during the year for which the exemption is requested;

5 (d) A veteran qualifying for a homestead exemption under subdivision  
6 (2)(a) of section 77-3506 shall only be required to file an application  
7 in every subsequent year evenly divisible by five; and

8 (e) If a veteran who has been granted a homestead exemption under  
9 subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-3506 dies during the five-year exemption  
10 period, the surviving spouse of such veteran shall continue to receive  
11 such exemption for the remainder of the five-year exemption period. After  
12 the expiration of the five-year exemption period, the surviving spouse  
13 shall be required to file for an exemption under subdivision (2)(b) of  
14 section 77-3506 on an annual basis.

15 (2) Failure to file an application as required in subsection (1) of  
16 this section shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for the year in  
17 which the failure occurred.

18 Sec. 15. Section 77-3513, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
19 amended to read:

20 77-3513 The county assessor shall mail a notice on or before April 1  
21 to claimants who are the owners of a homestead which was granted an  
22 exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 9 of this  
23 act and who are required to refile for such exemption in the current year  
24 unless the claimant has already filed the application for the current  
25 year or the county assessor has reason to believe there has been a change  
26 of circumstances so that the claimant no longer qualifies. The notice  
27 shall include the claimant's name, the application deadlines for the  
28 current year, a list of documents that must be filed with the  
29 application, and the county assessor's office address and telephone  
30 number.

31 Sec. 16. Section 77-3514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 77-3514 A claimant who is the owner of a homestead which has been  
3 granted an exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or  
4 section 9 of this act may notify the county assessor by August 15 of each  
5 year of any change in the homestead exemption status occurring in the  
6 preceding portion of the calendar year as a result of a transfer of the  
7 homestead exemption pursuant to sections 77-3509.01 and 77-3509.02. If by  
8 his or her failure to give such notice any property owner permits the  
9 allowance of the homestead exemption for any year after the homestead  
10 exemption status of such property has changed, an amount equal to the  
11 amount of the taxes lawfully due but not paid by reason of such unlawful  
12 and improper allowance of homestead exemption, together with penalty and  
13 interest on such total sum as provided by statute on delinquent ad  
14 valorem taxes, shall be due and shall upon entry of the amount thereof on  
15 the books of the county treasurer be a lien on such property while  
16 unpaid. Such lien may be enforced in the manner provided for liens for  
17 other delinquent taxes. Any person who has permitted the improper and  
18 unlawful allowance of such homestead exemption on his or her property  
19 shall, as an additional penalty, also forfeit his or her right to a  
20 homestead exemption on any property in this state for the two succeeding  
21 years.

22 Sec. 17. Section 77-3516, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 77-3516 The county assessor shall examine each application for  
25 homestead exemption filed with him or her for an exemption pursuant to  
26 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 9 of this act and shall  
27 determine, except for the income requirements, whether or not such  
28 application should be approved or rejected. If the application is  
29 approved, the county assessor shall mark the same approved and sign the  
30 application. In case he or she finds that the exemption should not be  
31 allowed by reason of not being in conformity to law, the county assessor

1 shall mark the application rejected, state thereon the reason for such  
2 rejection, and sign the application. In any case when the county assessor  
3 rejects an application for exemption, he or she shall notify the  
4 applicant of such action by mailing written notice to the applicant at  
5 the address shown in the application within ten days after the  
6 application is rejected. The notice shall be on forms prescribed by the  
7 Tax Commissioner.

8 Sec. 18. Section 77-3517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
9 2022, is amended to read:

10 77-3517 (1) On or before August 1 of each year, the county assessor  
11 shall forward the approved applications for homestead exemptions and a  
12 copy of the certification of disability status that have been examined  
13 pursuant to section 77-3516 to the Tax Commissioner. The Tax Commissioner  
14 shall determine if the applicant meets the income requirements and may  
15 also review any other application information he or she deems necessary  
16 in order to determine whether the application should be approved. The Tax  
17 Commissioner shall, on or before November 1, certify his or her  
18 determinations to the county assessor. If the application is approved,  
19 the county assessor shall make the proper deduction on the assessment  
20 rolls. If the application is denied or approved in part, the Tax  
21 Commissioner shall notify the applicant of the denial or partial approval  
22 by mailing written notice to the applicant at the address shown on the  
23 application. The applicant may appeal the Tax Commissioner's denial or  
24 partial approval pursuant to section 77-3520. Late applications  
25 authorized under section 77-3512 shall be processed in a similar manner  
26 after approval by the county assessor. If the Tax Commissioner approves a  
27 late application after any of the real estate taxes in question become  
28 delinquent, such delinquency and any interest associated with the amount  
29 of the approved exemption shall be removed from the tax rolls of the  
30 county within thirty days after the county assessor receives notice from  
31 the Tax Commissioner of the approved exemption.

1           (2)(a) Upon his or her own action or upon a request by an applicant,  
2 a spouse, or an owner-occupant, the Tax Commissioner may review any  
3 information necessary to determine whether an application is in  
4 compliance with sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9  
5 of this act. Any action taken by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to this  
6 subsection shall be taken within three years after December 31 of the  
7 year in which the exemption was claimed.

8           (b) If after completion of the review the Tax Commissioner  
9 determines that an exemption should have been approved or increased, the  
10 Tax Commissioner shall notify the applicant, spouse, or owner-occupant  
11 and the county treasurer and assessor of his or her determination. The  
12 applicant, spouse, or owner-occupant shall receive a refund of the tax,  
13 if any, that was paid as a result of the exemption being denied, in whole  
14 or in part. The county treasurer shall make the refund and shall amend  
15 the county's claim for reimbursement from the state.

16           (c) If after completion of the review the Tax Commissioner  
17 determines that an exemption should have been denied or reduced, the Tax  
18 Commissioner shall notify the applicant, spouse, or owner-occupant of  
19 such denial or reduction. The applicant, the spouse, and any owner-  
20 occupant may appeal the Tax Commissioner's denial or reduction pursuant  
21 to section 77-3520. Upon the expiration of the appeal period in section  
22 77-3520, the Tax Commissioner shall notify the county assessor of the  
23 denial or reduction and the county assessor shall remove or reduce the  
24 exemption from the tax rolls of the county. Upon notification by the Tax  
25 Commissioner to the county assessor, the amount of tax due as a result of  
26 the action of the Tax Commissioner shall become a lien on the homestead  
27 until paid. Upon attachment of the lien, the county treasurer shall  
28 refund to the Tax Commissioner the amount of tax equal to the denied or  
29 reduced exemption for deposit into the General Fund. No lien shall be  
30 created if a change in ownership of the homestead or death of the  
31 applicant, the spouse, and all other owner-occupants has occurred prior

1 to the Tax Commissioner's notice to the county assessor. Beginning thirty  
2 days after the county assessor receives approval from the county board to  
3 remove or reduce the exemption from the tax rolls of the county, interest  
4 at the rate specified in section 45-104.01, as such rate may from time to  
5 time be adjusted by the Legislature, shall begin to accrue on the amount  
6 of tax due.

7 Sec. 19. Section 77-3521, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 77-3521 It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner to adopt and  
10 promulgate rules and regulations for the information and guidance of the  
11 county assessors and county boards of equalization, not inconsistent with  
12 sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of this act,  
13 affecting the application, hearing, assessment, or equalization of  
14 property which is claimed to be entitled to the exemption granted by such  
15 sections.

16 Sec. 20. Section 77-3522, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
17 amended to read:

18 77-3522 (1) Any person who makes any false or fraudulent claim for  
19 exemption or any false statement or false representation of a material  
20 fact in support of such claim or any person who knowingly assists another  
21 in the preparation of any such false or fraudulent claim or enters into  
22 any collusion with another by the execution of a fictitious deed or other  
23 instrument for the purpose of obtaining unlawful exemption under sections  
24 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of this act shall be  
25 guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be subject to a forfeiture of  
26 any such exemption for a period of two years from the date of conviction.  
27 Any person who shall make an oath or affirmation to any false or  
28 fraudulent application for homestead exemption knowing the same to be  
29 false or fraudulent shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

30 (2) In addition to the penalty provided in subsection (1) of this  
31 section, if any person (a) files a claim for exemption as provided in

1 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 or section 9 of this act which is  
2 excessive due to misstatements by the owner filing such claim or (b)  
3 fails to notify the county assessor of a change in status of a veteran  
4 qualifying for a homestead exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of section  
5 77-3506 which affected all or a portion of the exemption period,  
6 including a change in rating, the death of the veteran, or a transfer of  
7 property not covered by section 77-3514, the claim may be disallowed in  
8 full and, if the claim has been allowed, an amount equal to the amount of  
9 taxes lawfully due during the applicable exemption period but not paid by  
10 reason of such unlawful and improper allowance of homestead exemption  
11 shall be due and shall upon entry of the amount thereof on the books of  
12 the county treasurer be a lien on such property until paid and a penalty  
13 and interest on such total sum as provided by statute on delinquent ad  
14 valorem taxes shall be assessed. Any amount paid to satisfy a lien  
15 imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the county treasurer  
16 in the same manner that other property taxes are paid, and the county  
17 treasurer shall remit such amount to the State Treasurer for credit to  
18 the General Fund. Any penalty collected pursuant to this subsection shall  
19 be retained by the county in which such penalty is assessed.

20 (3) For any veteran claiming a homestead exemption under subdivision  
21 (2)(a) of section 77-3506, the county assessor may revoke such exemption  
22 back to the date on which the county assessor has reason to believe that  
23 the exemption was improper upon notice to the veteran of the revocation.  
24 The veteran may then provide evidence in favor of receiving the exemption  
25 to the county assessor, and the county assessor may revise any revocation  
26 based on such evidence. Any decision of the county assessor to revoke a  
27 homestead exemption under this subsection may be appealed to the county  
28 board of equalization within thirty days after the decision. The county  
29 board of equalization may reverse or modify the revocation if there is  
30 clear and convincing evidence that the veteran qualified for the  
31 exemption for a particular period of time.

1 (4) Any additional taxes or penalties imposed pursuant to this  
2 section may be appealed in the same manner as appeals are made under  
3 section 77-3519.

4 Sec. 21. Section 77-3523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
5 2022, is amended to read:

6 77-3523 The county treasurer and county assessor shall, on or before  
7 November 30 of each year, certify to the Tax Commissioner the total tax  
8 revenue that will be lost to all taxing agencies within the county from  
9 taxes levied and assessed in that year because of exemptions allowed  
10 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of this  
11 act. The county treasurer and county assessor may amend the certification  
12 to show any change or correction in the total tax that will be lost until  
13 May 30 of the next succeeding year. If a homestead exemption is approved,  
14 denied, or corrected by the Tax Commissioner under subsection (2) of  
15 section 77-3517 after May 1 of the next year, the county treasurer and  
16 county assessor shall prepare and submit amended reports to the Tax  
17 Commissioner and the political subdivisions covering any affected year  
18 and shall adjust the reimbursement to the county and the other political  
19 subdivisions by adjusting the reimbursement due under this section in  
20 later years. The Tax Commissioner shall, on or before January 1 next  
21 following such certification or within thirty days of any amendment to  
22 the certification, notify the Director of Administrative Services of the  
23 amount so certified to be reimbursed by the state. Reimbursement of the  
24 funds lost shall be made to each county according to the certification  
25 and shall be distributed in six as nearly as possible equal monthly  
26 payments on the last business day of each month beginning in January. The  
27 Director of Administrative Services shall, on the last business day of  
28 each month, issue payments by electronic funds transfer. Out of the  
29 amount so received the county treasurer shall distribute to each of the  
30 taxing agencies within his or her county the full amount so lost by such  
31 agency, except that one percent of such amount shall be deposited in the

1 county general fund and that the amount due a Class V school district  
2 shall be paid to the district and the county shall be compensated one  
3 percent of such amount. Each taxing agency shall, in preparing its annual  
4 or biennial budget, take into account the amount to be received under  
5 this section.

6 Sec. 22. Section 77-3529, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 77-3529 If any application for exemption pursuant to sections  
9 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of this act is denied and  
10 the applicant would be qualified for any other exemption under such  
11 sections, then such denied application shall be treated as an application  
12 for the highest exemption for which qualified. Any additional  
13 documentation necessary for such other exemption shall be submitted to  
14 the county assessor within a reasonable time after receipt of the notice  
15 of denial.

16 Sec. 23. Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
17 amended to read:

18 77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under  
19 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars.  
20 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be  
21 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature  
22 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008  
23 using available revenue. For tax year 2017, the amount of relief granted  
24 under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars. For tax  
25 year 2020 through tax year 2022, the minimum amount of relief granted  
26 under the act shall be two hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax  
27 year 2023, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be  
28 three hundred sixty million dollars. For tax year 2024, the minimum  
29 amount of relief granted under the act shall be three hundred ninety-five  
30 million dollars. For tax year 2025, the minimum amount of relief granted  
31 under the act shall be four hundred thirty million dollars. For tax year



1 2026, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be four  
2 hundred forty-five million dollars. For tax year 2027, the minimum amount  
3 of relief granted under the act shall be four hundred sixty million  
4 dollars. For tax year 2028, the minimum amount of relief granted under  
5 the act shall be four hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax year  
6 2029, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be the  
7 minimum amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal  
8 to the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all  
9 real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as  
10 determined by the Department of Revenue, plus an additional seventy-five  
11 million dollars. For tax year 2030 and each tax year thereafter, the  
12 minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be the minimum  
13 amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the  
14 percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real  
15 property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as  
16 determined by the Department of Revenue. If money is transferred or  
17 credited to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund pursuant to any other state  
18 law, such amount shall be added to the minimum amount required under this  
19 subsection when determining the total amount of relief granted under the  
20 act. The relief shall be in the form of a property tax credit which  
21 appears on the property tax statement.

22 (2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount  
23 of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the  
24 amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section  
25 by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total  
26 real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the  
27 property tax credit for the property.

28 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the  
29 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount  
30 disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the  
31 ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total

1 credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be  
2 the property tax credit for the property.

3 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption  
4 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529 and sections 2, 3, 4, and 9 of this  
5 act, the owner shall also be qualified for the relief provided in the act  
6 to the extent of any remaining liability after calculation of the relief  
7 provided by the homestead exemption. If the credit results in a property  
8 tax liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the amount of the  
9 credit which cannot be used by the taxpayer shall be returned to the  
10 Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of the year the amount disbursed to  
11 the county was disbursed. The Property Tax Administrator shall  
12 immediately credit any funds returned under this subsection to the  
13 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Upon the return of any funds under this  
14 subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically file a report with  
15 the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed by the Tax  
16 Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to each taxing  
17 unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection  
18 fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits  
19 returned.

20 (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to  
21 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement  
22 determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio  
23 of the real property valuation in the county to the real property  
24 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator  
25 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each  
26 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each  
27 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal  
28 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before  
29 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the  
30 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing  
31 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the

1 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such  
2 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing  
3 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.

4 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each  
5 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined  
6 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the  
7 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation  
8 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator  
9 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each  
10 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each  
11 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal  
12 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before  
13 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the  
14 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing  
15 unit based on its share of the credits granted to all taxpayers in the  
16 taxing unit.

17 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means  
18 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and  
19 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for  
20 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special  
21 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for  
22 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special  
23 valuation.

24 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the  
25 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August  
26 1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.

27 (7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from the  
28 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.

29 Sec. 24. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

30 Sec. 25. Original sections 77-3501, 77-3501.01, 77-3505, 77-3505.02,  
31 77-3506.03, 77-3507, 77-3509.01, 77-3509.03, 77-3510, 77-3511, 77-3514,

1 77-3516, 77-3521, and 77-3529, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 sections 77-3508, 77-3517, and 77-3523, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
3 Supplement, 2022, and sections 77-3506, 77-3512, 77-3513, 77-3522, and  
4 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, are repealed.