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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 2 9-433, 77-2783, 77-2785, 77-4014, and 79-1016, Reissue Revised 3 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 69-2710.01, 77-2503, 77-2506, 4 77-2604, 77-2604.01, 77-2756, 77-27,238, 77-3510, 77-4212, and 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change 5 6 provisions relating to lotteries and raffles, cigarette reports, 7 affordable housing tax credits, statements on income taxes withheld, mathematical and clerical errors in income taxes, employer tax 8 9 credits, homestead exemption forms and lists, tobacco product tax returns, property tax credits, property tax exemptions under the 10 Nebraska Advantage Act, and taxable valuations for school districts; 11 12 to eliminate the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act; to 13 harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the 14 original sections; and to outright repeal sections 66-1013, 66-1017, 15 66-1018, and 66-1019, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 66-1012, 66-1014, 66-1015, 66-1016, and 66-1019.01, Revised 16 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016. 17

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-433, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 9-433 (1) Any Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
- 4 any county or incorporated municipality may, by resolution or ordinance,
- 5 tax, regulate, control, or prohibit any lottery or raffle within the
- 6 boundaries of such county or the corporate limits of such incorporated
- 7 municipality. No county may impose a tax or otherwise regulate, control,
- 8 or prohibit any lottery within the corporate limits of an incorporated
- 9 municipality. Any tax imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be
- 10 remitted to the general fund of the county or incorporated municipality
- 11 imposing such tax.
- 12 (2) No licensed organization may conduct a lottery or raffle and no
- 13 person may engage in lottery or raffle activity within the boundaries of
- 14 any Class 6 or Class 7 county as classified under section 23-1114.01 or
- 15 within the corporate limits of any city of the metropolitan or primary
- 16 class until specific authorization has been granted by ordinance or
- 17 resolution of the city or county to conduct a lottery, raffle, or related
- 18 activity. Any ordinance or resolution that provides specific
- 19 authorization for a lottery, raffle, or related activity may tax,
- 20 regulate, or otherwise control such lottery, raffle, or related activity.
- 21 (2) (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any
- 22 lottery or raffle not otherwise authorized under Nebraska law.
- 23 Sec. 2. Section 69-2710.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 24 2016, is amended to read:
- 25 69-2710.01 (1) Any person that during a month acquired, purchased,
- 26 sold, possessed, transferred, transported, or caused to be transported in
- 27 or into this state cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or brand
- 28 family that was not in the directory at the time shall, within fifteen
- 29 days following the end of that month, file a report on a form and in the
- 30 manner prescribed by the Tax Commissioner and certify to the state that
- 31 the report is complete and accurate. The report shall contain, in

- 1 addition to any further information that the Tax Commissioner may
- 2 reasonably require to assist the Tax Commissioner in enforcing sections
- 3 69-2701 to 69-2711 and 77-2601 to 77-2622 and the Tobacco Products Tax
- 4 Act, the following information:
- 5 (a) The total number of those cigarettes, in each case identifying
- 6 by name and number of cigarettes (i) the manufacturers of those
- 7 cigarettes, (ii) the brand families of those cigarettes, (iii) in the
- 8 case of a sale or transfer, the name and address of the recipient of
- 9 those cigarettes, (iv) in the case of an acquisition or purchase, the
- 10 name and address of the seller or sender of those cigarettes, and (v) the
- 11 other states in whose directory the manufacturer and brand family of
- 12 those cigarettes were listed at the time and whose stamps the person is
- 13 authorized to affix; and
- 14 (b) In the case of acquisition, purchase, or possession, the details
- 15 of the person's subsequent sale or transfer of those cigarettes,
- 16 identifying by name and number of cigarettes (i) the brand families of
- 17 those cigarettes, (ii) the date of the sale or transfer, (iii) the name
- 18 and address of the recipient, (iv) the number of stamps of each other
- 19 state that the person affixed to the packages containing those cigarettes
- 20 during that month, (v) the total number of cigarettes contained in the
- 21 packages to which it affixed each respective other state's stamp, (vi)
- 22 the manufacturers and brand families of the packages to which it affixed
- 23 each respective other state's stamp, and (vii) a certification that it
- 24 reported each sale or transfer to the taxing authority of the other state
- 25 by fifteen days following the end of the month in which the sale or
- 26 transfer was made and attaching a copy of all such reports. If the
- 27 subsequent sale or transfer is from this state into another state in
- 28 packages not bearing a stamp of the other state, the report shall also
- 29 contain the information described in subdivision (2)(c) of section
- 30 77-2604.01.
- 31 (2) Reports under this section shall be in addition to reports under

- 1 sections 69-2708, 77-2604, and 77-2604.01.
- 2 Sec. 3. Section 77-2503, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2016, is amended to read:
- 4 77-2503 (1) An owner of an affordable housing project seeking a
- 5 Nebraska affordable housing tax credit shall file an application with the
- 6 authority on a form prescribed by the authority. A qualified taxpayer
- 7 shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines
- 8 that the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project.
- 9 (2) If the requirements of subsection (1) of this section are met,
- 10 the authority shall issue an eligibility statement to the owner of such
- 11 qualified project stating the amount of Nebraska affordable housing tax
- 12 credits allocated to the qualified project. The amount of such tax
- 13 credits shall be the amount of federal low-income housing tax credits
- 14 available to such project, except as otherwise provided in subsection (4)
- of this section. Tax credits for each qualified project shall be issued
- 16 for the first six years of the credit period as defined in 26 U.S.C.
- 42(f)(1). The authority shall only allocate tax credits to qualified
- 18 projects that are placed in service after January 1, 2018.
- 19 (3) If the owner of the qualified project is (a) a partnership, (b)
- 20 <u>a limited liability company, or (c) a corporation having an election in</u>
- 21 effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 22 <u>amended, the</u> The Nebraska affordable housing tax credit shall be
- 23 allocated among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of
- 24 the owner of the qualified project in any manner agreed to by such
- 25 persons. A qualified taxpayer may transfer, sell, or assign all or part
- 26 of his or her ownership interest, including his or her interest in the
- 27 tax credits authorized in this section. For any tax year in which such an
- 28 interest is transferred, sold, or assigned pursuant to this subsection,
- 29 the assignor shall <u>notify the Department of Revenue of the transfer</u>,
- 30 <u>sale</u>, or assignment and provide the tax identification number of the new
- 31 owner prior to the end of the tax year for which the credits are to be

- 1 used. The notification shall be in the manner prescribed by the
- 2 <u>department</u> file a written statement with his or her tax return specifying
- 3 the amount of the credits assigned.
- 4 (4) The maximum amount of Nebraska affordable housing tax credits
- 5 awarded to all qualified projects in any given allocation year shall be
- 6 no more than one hundred percent of the total amount of federal low-
- 7 income housing tax credits awarded by the authority in the same
- 8 allocation year. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Affordable
- 9 Housing Tax Credit Act, the authority is prohibited from awarding to a
- 10 qualified project any combined amount of federal low-income housing tax
- 11 credits and Nebraska affordable housing tax credits that is more than
- 12 necessary to make the qualified project financially feasible.
- (5) Any Nebraska affordable housing tax credits granted under this
- 14 section may be used to offset any income taxes due under section 77-2715
- 15 or 77-2734.02, any premium and related retaliatory taxes due under
- 16 section 44-150 or 77-908, or any franchise taxes due under sections
- 17 77-3801 to 77-3807.
- 18 (6) The tax credit shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of
- 19 the qualified taxpayer to less than zero. Any tax credit claimed but not
- 20 used in a taxable year may be carried forward.
- 21 Sec. 4. Section 77-2506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2016, is amended to read:
- 23 77-2506 If a portion of any federal low-income housing tax credits
- 24 taken on a qualified project is required to be recaptured or is otherwise
- 25 disallowed under 26 U.S.C. 42 during the 6-year period described in
- 26 subsection (2) of section 77-2503, a portion of the Nebraska affordable
- 27 housing tax credits with respect to such project shall also be recaptured
- 28 from the qualified taxpayer who claimed such credits. The percentage of
- 29 Nebraska affordable housing tax credits subject to recapture under this
- 30 section shall be equal to the percentage of federal low-income housing
- 31 tax credits subject to recapture or otherwise disallowed during such

- 1 period. Any Nebraska affordable housing tax credits recaptured or
- 2 disallowed under this section shall be immediately due and payable
- 3 considered income to the qualified taxpayer who claimed the credits in a
- 4 like amount, and such income shall be recognized by the qualified
- 5 taxpayer in the year the Department of Revenue declares the tax credits
- 6 to be disallowed or recaptured.
- 7 Sec. 5. Section 77-2604, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 8 2016, is amended to read:
- 9 77-2604 (1) Every stamping agent, wholesale dealer, and retail
- dealer who is subject to sections 77-2601 to 77-2622 shall make and file
- 11 with the Tax Commissioner, on or before the fifteenth day of each
- 12 calendar month <u>in the manner prescribed</u> on blanks furnished by the Tax
- 13 Commissioner, true, correct, and sworn reports covering, for the last
- 14 preceding calendar month, the number of cigarettes purchased, from whom
 - purchased, the specific kinds and brands thereof, the manufacturer, if
- 16 known, and such other matters and in such detail as the Tax Commissioner
- 17 may require.

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- 18 (2)(a) Each manufacturer and importer that sells cigarettes in or
- 19 into the state shall, within fifteen days following the end of each
- 20 month, file a report on a form and in the manner prescribed by the Tax
- 21 Commissioner and certify to the state that the report is complete and
- 22 accurate.
- 23 (b) The report shall contain the following information: The total
- 24 number of cigarettes sold by that manufacturer or importer in or into the
- 25 state during that month and identifying by name and number of cigarettes,
- 26 (i) the manufacturers of those cigarettes, (ii) the brand families of
- 27 those cigarettes, and (iii) the purchasers of those cigarettes. A
- 28 manufacturer's or importer's report shall include cigarettes sold in or
- 29 into the state through its sales entity affiliate.
- 30 (c) The requirements of this subsection shall be satisfied and no
- 31 further report shall be required under this section with respect to

- 1 cigarettes if the manufacturer or importer timely submits to the Tax
- 2 Commissioner the report or reports required to be submitted by it with
- 3 respect to those cigarettes under 15 U.S.C. 376 to the Tax Commissioner
- 4 and certifies to the state that the reports are complete and accurate.
- 5 (d) Upon request by the Tax Commissioner, a manufacturer or importer
- 6 shall provide copies of all sales reports referenced in subdivisions (2)
- 7 (a) and (b) of this section that it filed in other states.
- 8 (e) Each manufacturer and importer that sells cigarettes in or into
- 9 the state shall either (i) submit its federal excise tax returns and all
- 10 monthly operational reports on Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
- 11 Form 5210.5 and all adjustments, changes, and amendments to such reports
- 12 to the Tax Commissioner no later than sixty days after the close of the
- 13 quarter in which the returns were filed or (ii) submit to the United
- 14 States Treasury a request or consent under section 6103(c) of the
- 15 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as defined in section 49-801.01 authorizing
- 16 the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and, in the case of
- 17 a foreign manufacturer or importer, the United States Customs Service to
- 18 disclose the manufacturer's or importer's federal returns to the Tax
- 19 Commissioner as of sixty days after the close of the quarter in which the
- 20 returns were filed.
- 21 Sec. 6. Section 77-2604.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2016, is amended to read:
- 23 77-2604.01 (1) Any person that sells cigarettes from this state into
- 24 another state shall, within fifteen days following the end of each month,
- 25 file a report on a form and in the manner prescribed by the Tax
- 26 Commissioner and certify to the state that the report is complete and
- 27 accurate.
- 28 (2) The report shall contain the following information:
- 29 (a) The total number of cigarettes sold from this state into another
- 30 state by the person during that month, identifying by name and number of
- 31 cigarettes (i) the manufacturers of those cigarettes, (ii) the brand

- 1 families of those cigarettes, and (iii) the name and address of each
- 2 recipient of those cigarettes;
- 3 (b) The number of stamps of each other state the person affixed to
- 4 the packages containing those cigarettes during that month, the total
- 5 number of cigarettes contained in the packages to which it affixed each
- 6 respective other state's stamp and by name and number of cigarettes, and
- 7 the manufacturers and brand families of the packages to which it affixed
- 8 each respective other state's stamp; and
- 9 (c) If the person sold cigarettes during that month from this state
- 10 into another state in packages not bearing a stamp of the other state,
- 11 (i) the total number of cigarettes contained in such packages,
- 12 identifying by name and number of cigarettes, the manufacturers of those
- 13 cigarettes, the brand families of those cigarettes, and the name and
- 14 address of each recipient of those cigarettes, and (ii) the person's
- 15 basis for belief that such state permits the sale of the cigarettes to
- 16 consumers in a package not bearing a stamp, and the amount of excise,
- 17 use, or similar tax imposed on the cigarettes paid by the person to such
- 18 state on the cigarettes. Manufacturers and importers need include the
- 19 information described in subdivision (2)(c)(i) of this section only as to
- 20 cigarettes not sold to a person authorized by the law of the other state
- 21 to affix the stamp required by the other state.
- 22 (3) In the case of a manufacturer or importer, the report shall
- 23 include cigarettes sold from this state into another state through its
- 24 sales entity affiliate. A sales entity affiliate shall file a separate
- 25 report under this section only to the extent that it sold cigarettes from
- 26 this state into another state not separately reported under this section
- 27 by its affiliated manufacturer or importer.
- Sec. 7. Section 77-2756, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 29 2016, is amended to read:
- 30 77-2756 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
- 31 every employer or payor required to deduct and withhold income tax under

1 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 shall, for each calendar quarter, on or 2 before the last day of the month following the close of such calendar quarter, file a withholding return as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner 3 4 and pay over to the Tax Commissioner or to a depositary designated by the Tax Commissioner the taxes so required to be deducted and withheld in 5 such form and content as the Tax Commissioner may prescribe and 6 containing such information as the Tax Commissioner deems necessary for 7 the proper administration of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967. When the 8 9 aggregate amount required to be deducted and withheld by any employer or payor for either the first or second month of a calendar quarter exceeds 10 five hundred dollars, the employer or payor shall, by the fifteenth day 11 of the succeeding month, pay over such aggregate amount to the Tax 12 13 Commissioner or to a depositary designated by the Tax Commissioner. The 14 amount so paid shall be allowed as a credit against the liability shown on the employer's or payor's quarterly withholding return required by 15 16 this section. The Tax Commissioner may, by rule and regulation, provide 17 for the filing of returns and the payment of the tax deducted and withheld on other than a quarterly basis. 18

(2) When the aggregate amount required to be deducted and withheld 19 by any employer or payor for the entire calendar year is less than five 20 hundred dollars or the employer or payor is allowed to file federal 21 withholding returns annually, the employer or payor shall, for each 22 23 calendar year, on or before the last day of the month following the close 24 of such calendar year, file a withholding return as prescribed by the Tax 25 Commissioner and pay over to the Tax Commissioner or to a depositary designated by the Tax Commissioner the taxes so required to be deducted 26 and withheld in such form and content as the Tax Commissioner may 27 prescribe and containing such information as the Tax Commissioner deems 28 necessary for the proper administration of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 29 1967. The employer or payor may elect or the Tax Commissioner may require 30 the filing of returns and the payment of taxes on a quarterly basis. 31

- 1 (3) Whenever any employer or payor fails to collect, truthfully 2 account for, pay over, or make returns of the income tax as required by this section, the Tax Commissioner may serve a notice requiring such 3 4 employer or payor to collect the taxes which become collectible after service of such notice, to deposit such taxes in a bank approved by the 5 Tax Commissioner in a separate account in trust for and payable to the 6 Tax Commissioner, and to keep the amount of such tax in such account 7 8 until paid over to the Tax Commissioner. Such notice shall remain in 9 effect until a notice of cancellation is served by the Tax Commissioner.
- 10 (4) Any employer or payor may appoint an agent in accordance with section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for the 11 purpose of withholding, reporting, or making payment of amounts withheld 12 on behalf of the employer or payor. The agent shall be considered an 13 employer or payor for purposes of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and, 14 with the actual employer or payor, shall be jointly and severally liable 15 for any amount required to be withheld and paid over to the Tax 16 Commissioner and any additions to tax, penalties, and interest with 17 respect thereto. 18
- 19 (5) The employer or payor shall also file on or before January 31 February 1 of the succeeding year a copy of each statement furnished by 20 such employer or payor to each employee or payee with respect to taxes 21 withheld on wages or payments subject to withholding. Any employer, 22 23 payor, or agent who furnished more than fifty statements for a year shall 24 file the required copies electronically in a manner approved by the Tax 25 Commissioner that is compatible with federal electronic filing requirements or methods. 26
- 27 Sec. 8. Section 77-2783, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 28 amended to read:
- 77-2783 In the event that the amount of tax is understated on the taxpayer's return as a result of a mathematical <u>or clerical</u> error, the Tax Commissioner shall notify the taxpayer that an amount of tax in

1 excess of that shown on the return is due and has been assessed and the

- 2 reasons therefor. Such a notice of additional tax due shall not be
- 3 considered a notice of deficiency assessment nor shall the taxpayer have
- 4 any right of protest or appeal as in the case of a deficiency assessment
- 5 based on such notice, and the assessment and collection of the amount of
- 6 tax erroneously omitted in the return is not prohibited. For purposes of
- 7 this section, mathematical or clerical error includes information on the
- 8 <u>taxpayer's return that is different from information reported to the</u>
- 9 Internal Revenue Service or the Tax Commissioner, including, but not
- 10 limited to, information reported on Form W-2 and Form 1099.
- 11 Sec. 9. Section 77-2785, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 12 amended to read:
- 13 77-2785 (1) The amount of income tax which is shown to be due on an income tax return, including revisions for mathematical or clerical 14 errors, shall be deemed to be assessed on the date of filing of the 15 return including any amended returns showing an increase of tax. In the 16 17 case of a return properly filed without the computation of the tax, the tax computed by the Tax Commissioner shall be deemed to be assessed on 18 19 the date when payment is due. If a notice of deficiency has been mailed, the amount of the deficiency shall be deemed to be assessed on the date 20 provided in section 77-2777 if no protest is filed or, if a protest is 21 22 filed, then upon the date when the determination of the Tax Commissioner 23 becomes final. If an amended return or report filed pursuant to the 24 provisions of section 77-2775 concedes the accuracy of a federal change 25 or correction or a state change or correction which has become final on or after May 1, 1993, any deficiency in the income tax under the Nebraska 26 27 Revenue Act of 1967 resulting therefrom shall be deemed to be assessed on 28 the date of filing such report or amended return and such assessment shall be timely notwithstanding any other provisions of such act. Any 29 amount paid as a tax or in respect of a tax, other than amounts withheld 30 at the source or paid as estimated income tax, shall be deemed to be 31

1 assessed upon the date of receipt of payment notwithstanding any other

- 2 provision of such act.
- 3 (2) If the mode or time for the assessment of income tax under the
- 4 provisions of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, including interest,
- 5 additions to tax, and penalties, is not otherwise provided for, the Tax
- 6 Commissioner may establish the same by regulation.
- 7 (3) The Tax Commissioner may, at any time within the period
- 8 prescribed for assessment, make a supplemental assessment, subject to the
- 9 provisions of section 77-2776 when applicable, whenever it is found that
- 10 any assessment is imperfect or incomplete in any material aspect.
- 11 (4) If the Tax Commissioner believes that the assessment or
- 12 collection of a deficiency will be jeopardized by delay, by the frivolous
- 13 objections of any person to compliance with the Nebraska Revenue Act of
- 14 1967, or by the attempt of any person to impede the administration of
- 15 such act, he or she shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section
- 16 77-2786, immediately assess such tax, including interest and additions to
- 17 tax, and penalties as provided by law and give notice and demand for
- 18 payment to such person. When an assessment is made under this subsection,
- 19 collection proceedings may be stayed by application for review and the
- 20 posting of such security as may be required by the Tax Commissioner under
- 21 section 77-27,129.
- 22 Sec. 10. Section 77-27,238, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 23 2016, is amended to read:
- 24 77-27,238 (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or
- 25 after January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed to an employer of any
- 26 eligible employee a nonrefundable credit, for not more than two years,
- 27 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in the
- 28 amount of twenty percent of the employer's annual expenditures for any of
- 29 the following services that are provided to eligible employees and that
- 30 are incidental to the employer's business:
- 31 (a) The payment of tuition at a Nebraska public institution of

1 postsecondary education or the payment of the costs associated with a

- 2 high school equivalency program for eligible employees; and
- 3 (b) The provision of transportation of eligible employees to and
- 4 from work.
- 5 (2) The credit allowed under this section for any taxable year shall
- 6 not exceed the employer's actual tax liability for such taxable year.
- 7 (3) The Department of Revenue shall submit a report electronically
- 8 to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before July 1 of each year on (a)
- 9 the number of employers claiming a credit under this section and (b) the
- 10 number of eligible employees receiving the services for which credits are
- 11 claimed.
- 12 (4) The Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Department
- of Health and Human Services, shall develop a process to verify that any
- 14 employer claiming credits under this section qualifies for such credits.
- 15 (5) The Department of Revenue may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 16 regulations necessary to carry out this section.
- 17 (6) For purposes of this section, eligible employee means a parent
- 18 or <u>caretaker</u> responsible relative (a) who is a member of a <u>unit</u> family
- 19 that received benefits under the state or federally funded Temporary
- 20 Assistance for Needy Families program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et
- 21 seq., for any nine months of the eighteen-month period immediately prior
- 22 to the employee's hiring date and (b) whose hiring date is on or after
- 23 the first day of the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.
- 24 Sec. 11. Section 77-3510, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 25 2016, is amended to read:
- 26 77-3510 On or before February 1 of each year, the Tax Commissioner
- 27 shall prescribe forms to be used by all claimants for homestead exemption
- 28 or for transfer of homestead exemption. Such forms shall contain
- 29 provisions for the showing of all information which the Tax Commissioner
- 30 may deem necessary to (1) enable the county officials and the Tax
- 31 Commissioner to determine whether each claim for exemption under sections

- 1 77-3506 and 77-3507 to 77-3509 should be allowed and (2) enable the 2 county assessor to determine whether each claim for transfer of homestead exemption pursuant to section 77-3509.01 should be allowed. It shall be 3 4 the duty of the county assessor of each county in this state to furnish 5 such forms, upon request, to each person desiring to make application for homestead exemption or for transfer of homestead exemption. The forms so 6 7 prescribed shall be used uniformly throughout the state, and application for exemption or for transfer of homestead exemption shall be 8 9 allowed unless the applicant uses the prescribed form in making an application. The forms shall require the attachment of an income 10 statement for any applicant seeking an exemption under section 77-3507, 11 or 77-3509 as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner fully 12 77-3508, 13 accounting for all household income. The Tax Commissioner shall provide 14 to each county assessor printed claim forms and address lists of applicants from the prior year in the manner approved by the Tax 15 16 Commissioner. The application and information contained any 17 attachments to the application shall be confidential and available to tax 18 officials only.
- 19 Sec. 12. Section 77-4014, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 20 amended to read:
- 77-4014 (1) On or before the tenth day of each calendar month, every 21 person licensed under subsection (1) of section 77-4009 shall file a 22 23 return with the Tax Commissioner showing either the quantity and the 24 price of each tobacco product brought or caused to be brought into this 25 state for sale or the quantity and the price of each tobacco product made, manufactured, or fabricated in this state for sale in this state, 26 whichever is applicable, during the preceding calendar month. For snuff, 27 28 such return shall also include the net weight as listed by the manufacturer. 29
- 30 (2) Every person licensed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 31 77-4009 shall, in the manner described in subsection (1) of this section,

- 1 file a return showing in detail the different kinds, quantity, and
- 2 wholesale sales price of each tobacco product shipped or transported to
- 3 retailers in this state to be sold by such retailers during the preceding
- 4 calendar month. For snuff, such return shall also include the net weight
- 5 as listed by the manufacturer.
- 6 (3) Returns shall be made in the manner upon forms furnished and
- 7 prescribed by the Tax Commissioner. Each return shall be accompanied by a
- 8 remittance for the full tax liability shown, less an amount of such
- 9 liability equal to any amount allowed a payer of the sales and use tax
- 10 pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of section 77-2708 as compensation to
- 11 reimburse the licensee for his or her expenses incurred in complying with
- 12 the Tobacco Products Tax Act.
- 13 Sec. 13. Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 14 2016, is amended to read:
- 15 77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under
- 16 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars.
- 17 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be
- 18 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature
- 19 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008
- 20 using available revenue. For tax year 2017, the amount of relief granted
- 21 under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars. The
- 22 relief shall be in the form of a property tax credit which appears on the
- 23 property tax statement.
- 24 (2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount
- 25 of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the
- 26 amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section
- 27 by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total
- 28 real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the
- 29 property tax credit for the property.
- 30 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the
- 31 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount

1 disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the

- 2 ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total
- 3 credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be
- 4 the property tax credit for the property.
- (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, the owner shall also be qualified for the relief provided in the act to the extent of any remaining liability after calculation of the relief provided by the homestead exemption. If the credit results in a property tax liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the amount of the credit which cannot be used by the
- 11 taxpayer shall be returned to the State Treasurer by July 1 of the year
- 12 the amount disbursed to the county was disbursed. The State Treasurer
- 13 shall immediately credit any funds returned under this <u>subsection</u> section
- 14 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. <u>Upon the return of any funds under</u>
- 15 this subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically file a report
- 16 <u>with the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed by the Tax</u>
- 17 <u>Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to each taxing</u>
- 18 <u>unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection</u>
- 19 <u>fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits</u>
- 20 returned.
- (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to 21 22 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio 23 24 of the real property valuation in the county to the real property 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

- 1 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the
- 2 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such
- 3 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing
- 4 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.
- 5 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each
- 6 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined
- 7 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the
- 8 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation
- 9 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator
- 10 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each
- 11 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each
- 12 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal
- 13 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before
- 14 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the
- 15 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing
- 16 unit based on its share of the credits granted to all taxpayers in the
- 17 taxing unit.
- 18 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means
- 19 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and
- 20 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for
- 21 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special
- 22 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for
- 23 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special
- 24 valuation.
- 25 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the
- 26 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August
- 27 1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.
- 28 (7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from the
- 29 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- 30 Sec. 14. Section 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 31 2016, is amended to read:

77-5725 (1) Applicants may qualify for benefits under the Nebraska
Advantage Act in one of six tiers:

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

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1 (d) Tier 4, investment in qualified property of at least ten million dollars and the hiring of at least one hundred new employees. There shall 2 be no new project applications for benefits under this tier filed after 3 December 31, 2020. All complete project applications filed on or before 4 December 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and 5 6 approved if the project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may 7 be executed with regard to completed project applications filed on or 8 before December 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or 9 entered into before such date shall continue in full force and effect;

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

- 1 31, 2020, shall be considered by the Tax Commissioner and approved if the
- 2 project and taxpayer qualify for benefits. Agreements may be executed
- 3 with regard to completed project applications filed on or before December
- 4 31, 2020. All project agreements pending, approved, or entered into
- 5 before such date shall continue in full force and effect.
- 6 (2) When the taxpayer has met the required levels of employment and
- 7 investment contained in the agreement for a tier 1, tier 2, tier 4, tier
- 8 5, or tier 6 project, the taxpayer shall be entitled to the following
- 9 incentives:
- 10 (a) A refund of all sales and use taxes for a tier 2, tier 4, tier
- 11 5, or tier 6 project or a refund of one-half of all sales and use taxes
- 12 for a tier 1 project paid under the Local Option Revenue Act, the
- 13 Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, and sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813
- 14 from the date of the application through the meeting of the required
- 15 levels of employment and investment for all purchases, including rentals,
- 16 of:
- (i) Qualified property used as a part of the project;
- 18 (ii) Property, excluding motor vehicles, based in this state and
- 19 used in both this state and another state in connection with the project
- 20 except when any such property is to be used for fundraising for or for
- 21 the transportation of an elected official;
- 22 (iii) Tangible personal property by a contractor or repairperson
- 23 after appointment as a purchasing agent of the owner of the improvement
- 24 to real estate when such property is incorporated into real estate as a
- 25 part of a project. The refund shall be based on fifty percent of the
- 26 contract price, excluding any land, as the cost of materials subject to
- 27 the sales and use tax;
- 28 (iv) Tangible personal property by a contractor or repairperson
- 29 after appointment as a purchasing agent of the taxpayer when such
- 30 property is annexed to, but not incorporated into, real estate as a part
- 31 of a project. The refund shall be based on the cost of materials subject

1 to the sales and use tax that were annexed to real estate; and

(v) Tangible personal property by a contractor or repairperson after appointment as a purchasing agent of the taxpayer when such property is both (A) incorporated into real estate as a part of a project and (B) annexed to, but not incorporated into, real estate as a part of a project. The refund shall be based on fifty percent of the contract price, excluding any land, as the cost of materials subject to the sales and use tax; and

- 9 (b) A refund of all sales and use taxes for a tier 2, tier 4, tier 5, or tier 6 project or a refund of one-half of all sales and use taxes 10 for a tier 1 project paid under the Local Option Revenue Act, the 11 Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, and sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 on 12 the types of purchases, including rentals, listed in subdivision (a) of 13 this subsection for such taxes paid during each year of the entitlement 14 period in which the taxpayer is at or above the required levels of 15 16 employment and investment.
- 17 (3) Any taxpayer who qualifies for a tier 1, tier 2, tier 3, or tier 4 project shall be entitled to a credit equal to three percent times the 18 19 average wage of new employees times the number of new employees if the average wage of the new employees equals at least sixty percent of the 20 Nebraska average annual wage for the year of application. The credit 21 shall equal four percent times the average wage of new employees times 22 23 the number of new employees if the average wage of the new employees 24 equals at least seventy-five percent of the Nebraska average annual wage 25 for the year of application. The credit shall equal five percent times the average wage of new employees times the number of new employees if 26 the average wage of the new employees equals at least one hundred percent 27 28 of the Nebraska average annual wage for the year of application. The credit shall equal six percent times the average wage of new employees 29 times the number of new employees if the average wage of the new 30 31 employees equals at least one hundred twenty-five percent of the Nebraska

1 average annual wage for the year of application. For computation of such

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

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

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

1 (i) Turbine-powered aircraft, including turboprop, turbojet, and 2 turbofan aircraft, except when any such aircraft is used for fundraising 3 for or for the transportation of an elected official;

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

- 1 shall determine whether a taxpayer is eligible to obtain exemption for
- 2 personal property based on the criteria for exemption and the eligibility
- 3 of each item listed for exemption and, on or before August 1, certify
- 4 such to the taxpayer and to the affected county assessor.
- 5 (9)(a) The investment thresholds in this section for a particular
- 6 year of application shall be adjusted by the method provided in this
- 7 subsection, except that the investment threshold for a tier 5 project
- 8 described in subdivision (1)(e)(ii) of this section shall not be
- 9 adjusted.
- 10 (b) For tier 1, tier 2, tier 4, and tier 5 projects other than tier
- 11 5 projects described in subdivision (1)(e)(ii) of this section, beginning
- 12 October 1, 2006, and each October 1 thereafter, the average Producer
- 13 Price Index for all commodities, published by the United States
- 14 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the most recent
- 15 twelve available periods shall be divided by the Producer Price Index for
- 16 the first quarter of 2006 and the result multiplied by the applicable
- 17 investment threshold. The investment thresholds shall be adjusted for
- 18 cumulative inflation since 2006.
- 19 (c) For tier 6, beginning October 1, 2008, and each October 1
- 20 thereafter, the average Producer Price Index for all commodities,
- 21 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
- 22 Statistics, for the most recent twelve available periods shall be divided
- 23 by the Producer Price Index for the first quarter of 2008 and the result
- 24 multiplied by the applicable investment threshold. The investment
- 25 thresholds shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation since 2008.
- 26 (d) For a tier 2 large data center project, beginning October 1,
- 27 2012, and each October 1 thereafter, the average Producer Price Index for
- 28 all commodities, published by the United States Department of Labor,
- 29 Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the most recent twelve available periods
- 30 shall be divided by the Producer Price Index for the first quarter of
- 31 2012 and the result multiplied by the applicable investment threshold.

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- 2 since 2012.
- 3 (e) If the resulting amount is not a multiple of one million
- 4 dollars, the amount shall be rounded to the next lowest one million
- 5 dollars.
- 6 (f) The investment thresholds established by this subsection apply
- 7 for purposes of project qualifications for all applications filed on or
- 8 after January 1 of the following year for all years of the project.
- 9 Adjustments do not apply to projects after the year of application.
- 10 Sec. 15. Section 79-1016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 79-1016 (1) On or before August 20 = 25, the county assessor shall
- 13 certify to the Property Tax Administrator the total taxable value by
- 14 school district in the county for the current assessment year on forms
- 15 prescribed by the Tax Commissioner. The county assessor may amend the
- 16 filing for changes made to the taxable valuation of the school district
- 17 in the county if corrections or errors on the original certification are
- 18 discovered. Amendments shall be certified to the Property Tax
- 19 Administrator on or before August 31 September 30.
- 20 (2) On or before October 10, the Property Tax Administrator shall
- 21 compute and certify to the State Department of Education the adjusted
- 22 valuation for the current assessment year for each class of property in
- 23 each school district and each local system. The adjusted valuation of
- 24 property for each school district and each local system, for purposes of
- 25 determining state aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational
- 26 Opportunities Support Act, shall reflect as nearly as possible state aid
- 27 value as defined in subsection (3) of this section. The Property Tax
- 28 Administrator shall notify each school district and each local system of
- 29 its adjusted valuation for the current assessment year by class of
- 30 property on or before October 10. Establishment of the adjusted valuation
- 31 shall be based on the taxable value certified by the county assessor for

- 1 each school district in the county adjusted by the determination of the
- 2 level of value for each school district from an analysis of the
- 3 comprehensive assessment ratio study or other studies developed by the
- 4 Property Tax Administrator, in compliance with professionally accepted
- 5 mass appraisal techniques, as required by section 77-1327. The Tax
- 6 Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations setting
- 7 forth standards for the determination of level of value for state aid
- 8 purposes.
- 9 (3) For purposes of this section, state aid value means:
- 10 (a) For real property other than agricultural and horticultural
- 11 land, ninety-six percent of actual value;
- 12 (b) For agricultural and horticultural land, seventy-two percent of
- 13 actual value as provided in sections 77-1359 to 77-1363. For agricultural
- 14 and horticultural land that receives special valuation pursuant to
- 15 section 77-1344, seventy-two percent of special valuation as defined in
- 16 section 77-1343; and
- 17 (c) For personal property, the net book value as defined in section
- 18 77-120.
- 19 (4) On or before November 10, any local system may file with the Tax
- 20 Commissioner written objections to the adjusted valuations prepared by
- 21 the Property Tax Administrator, stating the reasons why such adjusted
- 22 valuations are not the valuations required by subsection (3) of this
- 23 section. The Tax Commissioner shall fix a time for a hearing. Either
- 24 party shall be permitted to introduce any evidence in reference thereto.
- 25 On or before January 1, the Tax Commissioner shall enter a written order
- 26 modifying or declining to modify, in whole or in part, the adjusted
- 27 valuations and shall certify the order to the State Department of
- 28 Education. Modification by the Tax Commissioner shall be based upon the
- 29 evidence introduced at hearing and shall not be limited to the
- 30 modification requested in the written objections or at hearing. A copy of
- 31 the written order shall be mailed to the local system within seven days

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- after the date of the order. The written order of the Tax Commissioner may be appealed within thirty days after the date of the order to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission in accordance with section 77-5013.
- 4 (5) On or before November 10, any local system or county official 5 may file with the Tax Commissioner a written request for a nonappealable correction of the adjusted valuation due to clerical error as defined in 6 section 77-128 or, for agricultural and horticultural land, assessed 7 value changes by reason of land qualified or disqualified for special use 8 valuation pursuant to sections 77-1343 to 77-1347.01. On or before the 9 following January 1, the Tax Commissioner shall approve or deny the 10 request and, if approved, certify the corrected adjusted valuations 11 resulting from such action to the State Department of Education. 12
- (6) On or before May 31 of the year following the certification of 13 adjusted valuation pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, any local 14 system or county official may file with the Tax Commissioner a written 15 16 request for a nonappealable correction of the adjusted valuation due to changes to the tax list that change the assessed value of taxable 17 property. Upon the filing of the written request, the Tax Commissioner 18 shall require the county assessor to recertify the taxable valuation by 19 school district in the county on forms prescribed by the Tax 20 Commissioner. The recertified valuation shall be the valuation that was 21 certified on the tax list, pursuant to section 77-1613, increased or 22 23 decreased by changes to the tax list that change the assessed value of 24 taxable property in the school district in the county in the prior assessment year. On or before the following July 31, the Tax Commissioner 25 shall approve or deny the request and, if approved, certify the corrected 26 adjusted valuations resulting from such action to the State Department of 27 28 Education.
- 29 (7) No injunction shall be granted restraining the distribution of 30 state aid based upon the adjusted valuations pursuant to this section.
 - (8) A school district whose state aid is to be calculated pursuant

- 1 to subsection (5) of this section and whose state aid payment is
- 2 postponed as a result of failure to calculate state aid pursuant to such
- 3 subsection may apply to the state board for lump-sum payment of such
- 4 postponed state aid. Such application may be for any amount up to one
- 5 hundred percent of the postponed state aid. The state board may grant the
- 6 entire amount applied for or any portion of such amount. The state board
- 7 shall notify the Director of Administrative Services of the amount of
- 8 funds to be paid in a lump sum and the reduced amount of the monthly
- 9 payments. The Director of Administrative Services shall, at the time of
- 10 the next state aid payment made pursuant to section 79-1022, draw a
- 11 warrant for the lump-sum amount from appropriated funds and forward such
- 12 warrant to the district.
- 13 Sec. 16. Sections 12 and 17 of this act become operative on October
- 14 1, 2017. The other sections of this act become operative on their
- 15 effective date.
- 16 Sec. 17. Original section 77-4014, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, is repealed.
- 18 Sec. 18. Original sections 9-433, 77-2783, 77-2785, and 79-1016,
- 19 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 69-2710.01, 77-2503,
- 20 77-2506, 77-2604, 77-2604.01, 77-2756, 77-27,238, 77-3510, 77-4212, and
- 21 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are repealed.
- 22 Sec. 19. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 23 66-1013, 66-1017, 66-1018, and 66-1019, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, and sections 66-1012, 66-1014, 66-1015, 66-1016, and
- 25 66-1019.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016.