

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1342

Approved by the Governor March 29, 1972

Introduced by Herb Nore, 22nd District

AN ACT to amend section 77-1502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to taxation; to provide thirty days for filing protests to county boards of equalization; to clarify provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That section 77-1502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

77-1502. The county board of equalization shall hold a session of not less than three and not more than sixty days, for the purpose of reviewing and deciding the protests filed pursuant to contemplated--in sections 77-1502 to 77-1507, commencing on April 1 of each year and ending on May 30. ~~Written protests; Protests shall be written~~ in triplicate, ~~may be and~~ filed with the board from April 1 to May 30 in order to receive review. Attached to each copy of such protest shall be a written statement of the reason or reasons why the requested reduction in assessment should be made or the protest shall be automatically dismissed. If the protest involves a stock of merchandise, an inventory of such stock made by the owner or his agent as of the assessment date or the most recent physical inventory plus the amount of purchases less the cost of goods sold from the close of the last fiscal year to January 1, ~~must~~ shall be filed with and shall be a part of the protest. The board ~~shall be authorized and empowered to~~ may meet at any time upon the call of the chairman or any three members of the board for the purpose of equalizing assessments of any omitted or undervalued property. The board shall maintain a written record of all proceedings and actions taken, and shall show the vote of the members of the board, and shall also show the justification and basis for such action which shall be available for inspection in the office of the county assessor. In equalizing assessments during regular sessions the board shall prepare a separate report as to each action taken by it with respect to equalization, and such report shall include a description of the property affected by such action, the recommendation of the county assessor with respect to the action proposed or taken, the names of

witnesses whose testimony was heard in connection with the action and a summary of their testimony, together with a statement by the board of the basis upon which they it took such action. Such report shall be signed by the members of the board favoring the action taken and shall contain a certification over their signature that a copy thereof is being mailed to the Tax Commissioner. One copy of the report shall be given to the officer charged with the duty of preparing the tax list, and such officer shall have no authority to make a change in the valuations prepared and submitted by the county assessor until he has such report in his possession, completed, signed and certified in the manner herein specified, and if he deems it incomplete, or if not signed by the requisite number of members of the board, or if they have failed to certify that a copy thereof has been mailed to the Tax Commissioner, he shall return the same to the board for proper preparation and execution.

Sec. 2. That original section 77-1502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.