

AMENDMENTS TO LB348

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM642)

Introduced by Harr

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

3 Section 1. Section 77-1333, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 77-1333 (1) The Legislature finds that:

6 (a) The provision of safe, decent, and affordable housing
7 to all residents of the State of Nebraska is a matter of public
8 concern and represents a legitimate and compelling state need,
9 affecting the general welfare of all residents;

10 (b) Rent-restricted housing projects effectively provide
11 safe, decent, and affordable housing for residents of Nebraska;

12 (c) Such projects are restricted by federal law as to the
13 rents paid by the tenants thereof;

14 (d) Of all the professionally accepted mass appraisal
15 methodologies, which include the sales comparison approach, the
16 income approach, and the cost approach, the utilization of
17 the income-approach methodology results in the most accurate
18 determination of the actual value of such projects; and

19 (e) This section is intended to (i) further the provision
20 of safe, decent, and affordable housing to all residents of
21 Nebraska and (ii) comply with Article VIII, section 1, of
22 the Constitution of Nebraska, which empowers the Legislature to

1 prescribe standards and methods for the determination of value of
2 real property at uniform and proportionate values.

3 ~~(1)~~ (2) For purposes of this section, rent-restricted
4 housing project means a project consisting of five or more houses
5 or residential units that is financed, in whole or in part, with an
6 allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits under section
7 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

8 (3) The Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation
9 Committee is created. For administrative purposes only, the
10 committee shall be within the Department of Revenue. The committee
11 shall consist of the following three persons:

12 (a) A representative of local government assessing
13 officials appointed by the Tax Commissioner. Such representative
14 shall be skilled in the valuation of property and shall hold a
15 certificate issued under section 77-422;

16 (b) A representative of the low-income housing industry
17 appointed by the Tax Commissioner. The appointment shall be based
18 on a recommendation made by the Nebraska Commission on Housing and
19 Homelessness; and

20 (c) The Property Tax Administrator or a designee of the
21 Property Tax Administrator who holds a certificate issued under
22 section 77-422. Such person shall serve as the chairperson of the
23 committee.

24 (4) The committee shall meet annually in November to
25 examine the information on rent-restricted housing projects that
26 was provided pursuant to subsection (8) of this section. The
27 Department of Revenue shall electronically publish notice of such

1 meeting no less than thirty days in advance. The committee shall
2 also solicit information on the sale of any such rent-restricted
3 housing projects. The committee shall, after reviewing all such
4 information, calculate a market-derived capitalization rate on
5 an annual basis as provided in subsection (5) of this section.
6 The annual capitalization rate and information reviewed by the
7 committee shall be assembled in an annual report and shall be
8 forwarded by the Property Tax Administrator to each county assessor
9 in Nebraska no later than December 1 of each year for his or
10 her use in determining the valuation of rent-restricted housing
11 projects. The Department of Revenue shall publish the annual
12 report electronically but may charge a fee for copies. The Tax
13 Commissioner shall set the fee based on the reasonable cost of
14 producing the report.

15 (5) (a) The committee shall calculate the capitalization
16 rate using the band-of-investment technique. The capitalization
17 rate is a composite rate weighted by the proportions of total
18 property investment represented by debt and equity. The capital
19 structure shall weight equity at eighty percent and debt at
20 twenty percent unless a substantially different market capital
21 structure can be verified to the county assessor. The yield
22 for equity is calculated using the capital asset pricing model
23 as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection. The yield
24 for debt is equivalent to the average yield on thirty-year
25 non-inflation-indexed United States Treasury bonds, also referred
26 to as the thirty-year Treasury constant maturity rate.

27 (b) (i) The capital asset pricing model used to calculate

1 the yield for equity is represented by the following formula: $Re =$
2 $B(Rm-Rf) + Rf$, where:

3 (A) Re equals return on equity;

4 (B) B equals beta;

5 (C) Rm equals return on the market;

6 (D) Rf equals risk-free rate of return; and

7 (E) $Rm - Rf$ equals market-risk premium.

8 (ii) The beta is assumed to be one which indicates the
9 risk level to be consistent with the market as a whole. The
10 risk-free rate of return is calculated by averaging the yield of
11 the three-month and six-month non-inflation-indexed United States
12 Treasury bonds. The return on the market is calculated based on
13 the average annual return on the Standard and Poor's 500 Index or
14 by reference to other published secondary sources that reflect the
15 rate of return on the market as a whole.

16 (6) The county assessor shall ~~perform~~ utilize an
17 income-approach calculation for all rent-restricted housing
18 projects constructed to allow an allocation of low-income
19 housing tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Revenue
20 Code and approved by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
21 when ~~considering~~ determining the assessed valuation to place
22 on the property for each assessment year. The income-approach
23 calculation shall be consistent with this section and any rules
24 and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Tax Commissioner,
25 and shall ~~comply~~ with professionally accepted mass appraisal
26 techniques. Any low-income housing tax credits authorized under
27 section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code that were granted to

1 owners of the project shall not be considered income for purposes
2 of the calculation. Each county assessor, when utilizing the
3 income-approach calculation, shall utilize the capitalization
4 rate calculated by the Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation
5 Committee except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this
6 section. but may be considered in determining the capitalization
7 rate to be used when capitalizing the income stream. The county
8 assessor, in determining the actual value of any specific property,
9 may consider other methods of determining value that are consistent
10 with professionally accepted mass appraisal methods described in
11 section 77-112.

12 (7) If a county assessor, based on the facts and
13 circumstances, believes that the income-approach calculation does
14 not result in a valuation of a rent-restricted housing project
15 at actual value or that the market-derived capitalization rate
16 set by the Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee
17 to value any rent-restricted housing project does not result
18 in a valuation at actual value, then the county assessor shall
19 present such facts and circumstances to the county board of
20 equalization. If the county board of equalization, based on
21 such facts and circumstances, concurs with the county assessor,
22 then the county board of equalization shall petition the Tax
23 Equalization and Review Commission to consider, respectively,
24 (a) the county assessor's utilization of another professionally
25 accepted mass appraisal technique that, based on the facts and
26 circumstances presented by a county board of equalization, would
27 result in a substantially different determination of actual value

1 of the rent-restricted housing project or (b) an adjustment to
2 the capitalization rate of such rent-restricted housing project.
3 Petitions must be filed within thirty days after the property is
4 assessed. Hearings held pursuant to this section may be held by
5 means of videoconference or telephone conference. The burden of
6 proof is on the petitioning county board of equalization to show
7 that failure to make an adjustment, either to the professionally
8 accepted mass appraisal technique utilized or the capitalization
9 rate employed, would result in a value that is not equitable and
10 in accordance with the law. At the hearing, the commission may
11 receive testimony from any interested person. After a hearing, the
12 commission shall, within the powers granted in section 77-5023,
13 enter its order based on evidence presented to it at such hearing.
14 Payment of taxes shall be suspended, without penalty or interest,
15 until the commission enters its order.

16 ~~(2)~~ (8) The owner of a rent-restricted housing project
17 shall file a statement with the county assessor and the
18 Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee on or before
19 October 1 of each year that details income and expense data for
20 the prior year, a description of any land-use restrictions, and
21 such other information as the county assessor or the committee may
22 require.

23 Sec. 2. Section 77-5007, Revised Statutes Cumulative
24 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

25 77-5007 The commission has the power and duty to hear and
26 determine appeals of:

27 (1) Decisions of any county board of equalization

1 equalizing the value of individual tracts, lots, or parcels of
2 real property so that all real property is assessed uniformly and
3 proportionately;

4 (2) Decisions of any county board of equalization
5 granting or denying tax-exempt status for real or personal property
6 or an exemption from motor vehicle taxes and fees;

7 (3) Decisions of the Tax Commissioner determining the
8 taxable property of a railroad company, car company, public service
9 entity, or air carrier within the state;

10 (4) Decisions of the Tax Commissioner determining
11 adjusted valuation pursuant to section 79-1016;

12 (5) Decisions of any county board of equalization on
13 the valuation of personal property or any penalties imposed under
14 sections 77-1233.04 and 77-1233.06;

15 (6) Decisions of any county board of equalization on
16 claims that a levy is or is not for an unlawful or unnecessary
17 purpose or in excess of the requirements of the county;

18 (7) Decisions of any county board of equalization
19 granting or rejecting an application for a homestead exemption;

20 (8) Decisions of the Department of Motor Vehicles
21 determining the taxable value of motor vehicles pursuant to section
22 60-3,188;

23 (9) Decisions of the Tax Commissioner made under section
24 77-1330;

25 (10) Any other decision of any county board of
26 equalization;

27 (11) Any other decision of the Tax Commissioner regarding

1 property valuation, exemption, or taxation;

2 (12) Decisions of the Tax Commissioner pursuant to
3 section 77-3520;

4 (13) Final decisions of a county board of equalization
5 appealed by the Tax Commissioner or Property Tax Administrator
6 pursuant to section 77-701; ~~and~~

7 (14) Determinations of the Rent-Restricted Housing
8 Projects Valuation Committee regarding the market-derived
9 capitalization rate to be used to value rent-restricted housing
10 projects pursuant to section 77-1333 or the requirement under such
11 section that an income-approach calculation be used by county
12 assessors to value rent-restricted housing projects; and

13 ~~(14)~~ (15) Any other decision, determination, action, or
14 order from which an appeal to the commission is authorized.

15 The commission has the power and duty to hear and grant
16 or deny relief on petitions.

17 Sec. 3. Original section 77-1333, Reissue Revised
18 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-5007, Revised Statutes
19 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.