

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

**LB345**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Gloor**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 12, 2015**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 345 adopts the Property Tax Relief Act and the Property Tax Relief Fund, which provides property tax relief for property taxes levied against homesteads.

For the tax year 2015, and each following tax year, all homesteads in Nebraska shall be assessed for taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt from taxation of homesteads an amount equal to \$8,000. That equates to approximately \$150 annual property tax relief on a house of \$115,000.

To receive this property tax relief, a homeowner shall file an application for the homestead exemption with their county assessor and no reapplication needs to be filed for succeeding years. Reimbursement to counties for this homestead exemption shall be made from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

The County Treasurer shall certify to the Tax Commissioner the total tax revenue that will be lost to all taxing agencies within his or her county from taxes levied and assessed in that year because of the homestead exemption. Reimbursements of the funds lost shall be made to each county according to the certification and shall be distributed in six equal monthly payments.

*AM266 removes the Property Tax Relief Fund and replaces it with reimbursements being made from the General Fund. This is how homestead exemptions are generally funded, so it makes sense to do the same with this particular bill.*

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Rick Kolowski**

