

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 451

Introduced by Wishart, 27, Chairman Enrollment and Review

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

3 Section 1. Section 18-2713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 18-2713 Before adopting an economic development program, a city
6 shall submit the question of its adoption to the registered voters at an
7 election. The governing body of the city shall order the submission of
8 the question by filing a certified copy of the resolution proposing the
9 economic development program with the election commissioner or county
10 clerk not later than fifty ~~forty-one~~ days prior to a special election or
11 a municipal primary or general election which is not held at the
12 statewide primary or general election or not later than March 1 ~~fifty~~
13 ~~days~~ prior to a statewide primary election or September 1 prior to a
14 statewide general election. The question on the ballot shall briefly set
15 out the terms, conditions, and goals of the proposed economic development
16 program, including the length of time during which the program will be in
17 existence, the year or years within which the funds from local sources of
18 revenue are to be collected, the source or sources from which the funds
19 are to be collected, the total amount to be collected for the program
20 from local sources of revenue, and whether the city proposes to issue
21 bonds pursuant to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act to
22 provide funds to carry out the economic development program. The ballot
23 question shall also specify whether additional funds from other noncity
24 sources will be sought beyond those derived from local sources of
25 revenue. In addition to all other information, if the funds are to be
26 derived from the city's property tax, the ballot question shall state the
27 present annual cost of the economic development program per ten thousand

1 dollars of assessed valuation based upon the most recent valuation of the
2 city certified to the Property Tax Administrator pursuant to section
3 77-1613.01. The ballot question shall state: "Shall the city of (name of
4 the city) establish an economic development program as described here by
5 appropriating annually from local sources of revenue \$..... for
6 years?". If the only city revenue source for the proposed economic
7 development program is a local option sales tax that has not yet been
8 approved at an election, the ballot question specifications in this
9 section may be repeated in the sales tax ballot question.

10 If a majority of those voting on the issue vote in favor of the
11 question, the governing body may implement the proposed economic
12 development program upon the terms set out in the resolution. If a
13 majority of those voting on the economic development program vote in
14 favor of the question when the only city revenue source is a proposed
15 sales tax and a majority of those voting on the local option sales tax
16 vote against the question, the governing body shall not implement the
17 economic development program, and it shall become null and void. If a
18 majority of those voting on the issue vote against the question, the
19 governing body shall not implement the economic development program.

20 Sec. 2. Section 32-208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
21 amended to read:

22 32-208 The election commissioner in counties having a population of
23 more than one hundred thousand inhabitants shall be a registered voter, a
24 resident of such county for at least one year, and of good moral
25 character and integrity and capacity. No person who is a candidate for
26 any elective office or is a deputy, clerk, or employee of any person who
27 is a candidate for any elective office shall be eligible for the office
28 of election commissioner. The election commissioner shall not hold any
29 other elective office or become a candidate for an elective office during
30 his or her term of office ~~or within thirty days after leaving office~~. An
31 election commissioner may be appointed to an elective office during his

1 or her term of office as election commissioner, and acceptance of such
2 appointment shall be deemed to be his or her resignation from the office
3 of election commissioner.

4 Sec. 3. Section 32-301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 32-301 (1) The Secretary of State shall implement, in a uniform and
7 nondiscriminatory manner, a single, uniform, official, centralized,
8 interactive computerized statewide voter registration list defined,
9 maintained, and administered at the office of the Secretary of State that
10 contains the name and registration information of every legally
11 registered voter in the state and assigns a unique identifier to each
12 legally registered voter in the state. The computerized list shall serve
13 as the single system for storing and managing the official list of
14 registered voters throughout the state and shall comprise the voter
15 registration register. The computerized list shall be coordinated with
16 other agency data bases within the state and shall be available for
17 electronic access by election commissioners and county clerks. The
18 computerized list shall serve as the official voter registration list for
19 the conduct of all elections under the Election Act. The Secretary of
20 State shall provide such support as may be required so that election
21 commissioners and county clerks are able to electronically enter voter
22 registration information obtained by such officials on an expedited basis
23 at the time the information is received. The Secretary of State shall
24 provide adequate technological security measures to prevent unauthorized
25 access to the computerized list. ~~No General Funds shall be appropriated~~
26 ~~for purposes of this list, and funds available in the Election~~
27 ~~Administration Fund may be used for such purposes.~~

28 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall provide for the
29 registration of the electors of the county. Upon receipt of a voter
30 registration application in his or her office from an eligible elector,
31 the election commissioner or county clerk shall enter the information

1 from the application in the voter registration register and may create an
2 electronic image, photograph, microphotograph, or reproduction in an
3 electronic digital format to be used as the voter registration record.
4 The election commissioner or county clerk shall provide a precinct list
5 of registered voters for each precinct for the use of judges and clerks
6 of election in their respective precincts on election day. An
7 electronically prepared list of registered voters in a form prescribed by
8 the Secretary of State shall meet the requirements for a precinct list of
9 registered voters.

10 Sec. 4. Section 32-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 32-304 (1) The Secretary of State in conjunction with the Department
13 of Motor Vehicles shall, on or before September 1, 2015, develop and
14 implement a registration application process which may be used statewide
15 to register to vote and update voter registration records electronically
16 using the Secretary of State's web site. An applicant who has a valid
17 Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card
18 may use the application process to register to vote or to update his or
19 her voter registration record with changes in his or her personal
20 information or other information related to his or her eligibility to
21 vote. For each electronic application, the Secretary of State shall
22 obtain a copy of the electronic representation of the applicant's
23 signature from the Department of Motor Vehicles' records of his or her
24 motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card for
25 purposes of voter registration.

26 (2) The application shall contain substantially all the information
27 provided in section 32-312 and the following informational statements:

28 (a) An applicant who submits this application electronically is
29 affirming that the information in the application is true. Any applicant
30 who submits this application electronically knowing that any of the
31 information in the application is false shall be guilty of a Class IV

1 felony under section 32-1502 of the statutes of Nebraska. The penalty for
2 a Class IV felony is up to two five years imprisonment and twelve months
3 post-release supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both;

4 (b) An applicant who submits this application electronically is
5 agreeing to the use of his or her signature from the Department of Motor
6 Vehicles' records of his or her motor vehicle operator's license or state
7 identification card for purposes of voter registration;

8 (c) To vote at the polling place on election day, the completed
9 application must be submitted on or before the third Friday before the
10 election; and

11 (d) The election commissioner or county clerk will, upon receipt of
12 the application for registration, send an acknowledgment of registration
13 to the applicant indicating whether the application is proper or not.

14 Sec. 5. Section 32-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:

16 32-312 The registration application prescribed by the Secretary of
17 State pursuant to section 32-304 or 32-311.01 shall provide the
18 instructional statements and request the information from the applicant
19 as provided in this section.

20 CITIZENSHIP—"Are you a citizen of the United States of America?"
21 with boxes to check to indicate whether the applicant is or is not a
22 citizen of the United States.

23 AGE—"Are you at least eighteen years of age or will you be eighteen
24 years of age on or before the first Tuesday following the first Monday of
25 November of this year?" with boxes to check to indicate whether or not
26 the applicant will be eighteen years of age or older on election day.

27 WARNING—"If you checked 'no' in response to either of these
28 questions, do not complete this application."

29 NAME—the name of the applicant giving the first and last name in
30 full, the middle name in full or the middle initial, and the maiden name
31 of the applicant, if applicable.

1 RESIDENCE—the name and number of the street, avenue, or other
2 location of the dwelling where the applicant resides if there is a
3 number. If the registrant resides in a hotel, apartment, tenement house,
4 or institution, such additional information shall be included as will
5 give the exact location of such registrant's place of residence. If the
6 registrant lives in an incorporated or unincorporated area not identified
7 by the use of roads, road names, or house numbers, the registrant shall
8 state the section, township, and range of his or her residence and the
9 corporate name of the school district as described in section 79-405 in
10 which he or she is located.

11 POSTAL ADDRESS—the address at which the applicant receives mail if
12 different from the residence address.

13 ADDRESS OF LAST REGISTRATION—the name and number of the street,
14 avenue, or other location of the dwelling from which the applicant last
15 registered.

16 TELEPHONE NUMBERS—the telephone number of the applicant at work and
17 at home. At the request of the applicant, a designation shall be made
18 that the telephone number is an unlisted number, and such designation
19 shall preclude the listing of the applicant's telephone number on any
20 list of voter registrations.

21 EMAIL ADDRESS—an email address of the applicant. At the request of
22 the applicant, a designation shall be made that the email address is
23 private, and such designation shall preclude the listing of the
24 applicant's email address on any list of voter registrations.

25 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY
26 NUMBER—if the applicant has a Nebraska driver's license, the license
27 number, and if the applicant does not have a Nebraska driver's license,
28 the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

29 DATE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION—the month, day, and year when
30 the applicant presented himself or herself for registration, when the
31 applicant completed and signed the registration application if the

1 application was submitted by mail or delivered to the election official
2 by the applicant's personal messenger or personal agent, or when the
3 completed application was submitted if the registration application was
4 completed pursuant to section 32-304.

5 PLACE OF BIRTH—show the state, country, kingdom, empire, or dominion
6 where the applicant was born.

7 DATE OF BIRTH—show the date of the applicant's birth. The applicant
8 shall be at least eighteen years of age or attain eighteen years of age
9 on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to have
10 the right to register and vote in any election in the present calendar
11 year.

12 REGISTRATION TAKEN BY—show the signature of the authorized official
13 or staff member accepting the application pursuant to section 32-309 or
14 32-310 or at least one of the deputy registrars taking the application
15 pursuant to section 32-306, if applicable.

16 PARTY AFFILIATION—show the party affiliation of the applicant as
17 Democrat, Republican, or Other or show no party affiliation as
18 Nonpartisan. (Note: If you wish to vote in both partisan and nonpartisan
19 primary elections for state and local offices, you must indicate a
20 political party affiliation on the registration application. If you
21 register without a political party affiliation (nonpartisan), you will
22 receive only the nonpartisan ballots for state and local offices at
23 primary elections. If you register without a political party affiliation,
24 you may vote in partisan primary elections for congressional offices.)

25 OTHER—information the Secretary of State determines will assist in
26 the proper and accurate registration of the voter.

27 Immediately following the spaces for inserting information as
28 provided in this section, the following statement shall be printed:

29 To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under penalty of
30 election falsification that:

31 (1) I live in the State of Nebraska at the address provided in this

1 application;

2 (2) I have not been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, it has
3 been at least two years since I completed my sentence for the felony,
4 including any parole term;

5 (3) I have not been officially found to be non compos mentis
6 (mentally incompetent); and

7 (4) I am a citizen of the United States.

8 Any registrant who signs this application knowing that any of the
9 information in the application is false shall be guilty of a Class IV
10 felony under section 32-1502 of the statutes of Nebraska. The penalty for
11 a Class IV felony is up to two five years imprisonment and twelve months
12 post-release supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

13 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE—require the applicant to affix his or her
14 signature to the application.

15 Sec. 6. Section 32-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
16 amended to read:

17 32-404 (1) When any political subdivision holds an election in
18 conjunction with the statewide primary or general election, the election
19 shall be held as provided in the Election Act. Any other election held by
20 a political subdivision shall be held as provided in the act unless
21 otherwise provided by the charter, code, or bylaws of the political
22 subdivision.

23 (2) No later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year, the election
24 commissioner or county clerk shall give notice to each political
25 subdivision of the filing deadlines for the statewide primary election.
26 No later than January 5 of each even-numbered year, the governing board
27 of each political subdivision which will hold an election in conjunction
28 with a statewide primary election shall certify to the Secretary of
29 State, the election commissioner, or the county clerk the name of the
30 subdivision, the number of officers to be elected, the length of the
31 terms of office, the vacancies to be filled by election and length of

1 remaining term, and the number of votes to be cast by a registered voter
2 for each office.

3 (3) No later than June 15 ~~July 1~~ of each even-numbered year, the
4 governing board of each reclamation district, county weed district,
5 village, county under township organization, public power district
6 receiving annual gross revenue of less than forty million dollars, or
7 educational service unit which will hold an election in conjunction with
8 a statewide general election shall certify to the Secretary of State, the
9 election commissioner, or the county clerk the name of the subdivision,
10 the number of officers to be elected, the length of the terms of office,
11 the vacancies to be filled by election and length of remaining term, and
12 the number of votes to be cast by a registered voter for each office.

13 (4) The Secretary of State shall prescribe the forms to be used for
14 certification to him or her, and the election commissioner or county
15 clerk shall prescribe the forms to be used for certification to him or
16 her.

17 Sec. 7. Section 32-566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 32-566 When a vacancy occurs in the Legislature, the office shall be
20 filled by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint a suitable person
21 possessing the qualifications necessary for a member of the Legislature.
22 If the vacancy occurs on or after February 1 during a calendar year in
23 which ~~within sixty days of~~ a regular general election will be held and if
24 the term vacated expires on the first Tuesday following the first Monday
25 in the following January, the appointee shall serve until the first
26 Tuesday following the first Monday in January, and if the term extends
27 beyond the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the following
28 January, the appointee shall serve until the first Tuesday following the
29 first Monday in January following the second regular general election
30 next succeeding his or her appointment. If the vacancy occurs during the
31 first year of the term or before February 1 during a calendar year in

1 ~~which more than sixty days before~~ a regular general election will be
2 held, the appointee shall serve until the first Tuesday following the
3 first Monday in January following such regular general election and at
4 the regular general election a member of the Legislature shall be elected
5 to serve the unexpired term.

6 Sec. 8. Section 32-573, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 32-573 (1) When a vacancy occurs in the Board of Regents of the
9 University of Nebraska, the office shall be filled by the Governor. The
10 Governor shall appoint a suitable person possessing the qualifications
11 necessary for a member of the Board of Regents.

12 (2)(a) If the vacancy occurs during the first year of the term or
13 before February 1 during a calendar year in which ~~more than seventy-five~~
14 ~~days before~~ a statewide general election will be held, the appointee
15 shall serve until the first Thursday following the first Tuesday in
16 January following such general election and at such general election a
17 member of the Board of Regents shall be elected to serve the unexpired
18 term if any.

19 (b) If the vacancy occurs on or after February 1 during a calendar
20 year in which ~~within seventy-five days before~~ a statewide general
21 election will be held and if the term vacated expires on the first
22 Thursday following the first Tuesday in January following such general
23 election, the appointee shall serve the unexpired term.

24 (c) If the vacancy occurs on or after February 1 during a calendar
25 year in which ~~within seventy-five days before~~ a statewide general
26 election will be held and if the term vacated extends beyond the first
27 Thursday following the first Tuesday in January following such general
28 election, the appointee shall serve until the first Thursday following
29 the first Tuesday in January following the second general election next
30 succeeding his or her appointment and at such election a member of the
31 Board of Regents shall be elected to serve the unexpired term if any.

1 Sec. 9. Section 32-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 32-601 (1) Each political subdivision shall notify the election
4 commissioner or county clerk of the offices to be filled no later than:

5 (a) January 5 of any election year as provided in subsection (2) of
6 section 32-404; or -

7 (b) June 15 of any election year as provided in subsection (3) of
8 section 32-404.

9 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall give notice of
10 the offices to be filled by election and the filing deadlines for such
11 offices by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation
12 in the county once at least fifteen days prior to such deadlines.

13 Sec. 10. Section 32-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
14 amended to read:

15 32-802 The notice of election for any election shall state the date
16 on which the election is to be held and the hours the polls will be open
17 and list all offices, candidates, and issues that will appear on the
18 ballots. The notice of election shall be printed in English and in any
19 other language required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act Language
20 Assistance Amendments of 1992. In the case of a primary election, the
21 notice of election shall list all offices and candidates that are being
22 forwarded to the general election. The notice of election shall only
23 state that amendments or referendums will be voted upon and that the
24 Secretary of State will publish a true copy of the title and text of any
25 amendments or referendums once each week for three consecutive weeks
26 preceding the election. Such notice of election shall appear in at least
27 one newspaper designated by the election commissioner, county clerk, city
28 council, or village board no later than forty-two ~~forty~~ days prior to the
29 election. The election commissioner or county clerk shall, not later than
30 forty-two ~~forty~~ days prior to the election, (1) post in his or her office
31 the same notice of election published in the newspaper and (2) provide a

1 copy of the notice to the political subdivisions appearing on the ballot.
2 The election commissioner or county clerk shall correct the ballot to
3 reflect any corrections received within five ~~ten~~ days after mailing the
4 notice as provided in section 32-819. The notice of election shall be
5 posted in lieu of sample ballots until such time as sample ballots are
6 printed. If joint elections are held in conjunction with the statewide
7 primary or general election by a county, city, or village, only one
8 notice of election need be published and signed by the election
9 commissioner or county clerk.

10 Sec. 11. Section 32-915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 32-915 (1) A person whose name does not appear on the precinct list
13 of registered voters at the polling place for the precinct in which he or
14 she resides, whose name appears on the precinct list of registered voters
15 at the polling place for the precinct in which he or she resides at a
16 different residence address as described in section 32-914.02, or whose
17 name appears with a notation that he or she received a ballot for early
18 voting may vote a provisional ballot if he or she:

19 (a) Claims that he or she is a registered voter who has continuously
20 resided in the county in which the precinct is located since registering
21 to vote;

22 (b) Is not entitled to vote under section 32-914.01 or 32-914.02;

23 (c) Has not registered to vote or voted in any other county since
24 registering to vote in the county in which the precinct is located;

25 (d) Has appeared to vote at the polling place for the precinct to
26 which the person would be assigned based on his or her residence address;
27 and

28 (e) Completes and signs a registration application before voting.

29 (2) A voter whose name appears on the precinct list of registered
30 voters for the polling place with a notation that the voter is required
31 to present identification pursuant to section 32-318.01 but fails to

1 present identification may vote a provisional ballot if he or she
2 completes and signs a registration application before voting.

3 (3) Each person voting by provisional ballot shall enclose his or
4 her ballot in an envelope marked Provisional Ballot and shall, by signing
5 the certification on the front of the envelope or a separate form
6 attached to the envelope, certify to the following facts:

7 (a) I am a registered voter in County;

8 (b) My name or address did not correctly appear on the precinct list
9 of registered voters;

10 (c) I registered to vote on or about this date

11 (d) I registered to vote

12 in person at the election office or a voter registration site,

13 by mail,

14 by using the Secretary of State's web site,

15 through the Department of Motor Vehicles,

16 on a form through another state agency,

17 in some other way;

18 (e) I have not resided outside of this county or voted outside of
19 this county since registering to vote in this county;

20 (f) My current address is shown on the registration application
21 completed as a requirement for voting by provisional ballot; and

22 (g) I am eligible to vote in this election and I have not voted and
23 will not vote in this election except by this ballot.

24 (4) The voter shall sign the certification under penalty of election
25 falsification. The following statements shall be on the front of the
26 envelope or on the attached form: By signing the front of this envelope
27 or the attached form you are certifying to the information contained on
28 this envelope or the attached form under penalty of election
29 falsification. Election falsification is a Class IV felony and may be
30 punished by up to two five years imprisonment and twelve months post-
31 release supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

1 (5) If the person's name does not appear on the precinct list of
2 registered voters for the polling place and the judge or clerk of
3 election determines that the person's residence address is located in
4 another precinct within the same county, the judge or clerk of election
5 shall direct the person to his or her correct polling place to vote.

6 Sec. 12. Section 32-939, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 32-939 (1) As provided in section 32-939.02, the persons listed in
9 this subsection who are residents of Nebraska but who reside outside of
10 Nebraska or the United States shall be allowed to simultaneously register
11 to vote and make application for ballots for all elections in a calendar
12 year through the use of the Federal Post Card Application or a personal
13 letter which includes the same information as appears on the Federal Post
14 Card Application:

15 (a) Members of the armed forces of the United States or the United
16 States Merchant Marine, and their spouses and dependents residing with
17 them who are absent from the state;

18 (b) Citizens temporarily residing outside of the United States and
19 the District of Columbia; and

20 (c) Overseas citizens.

21 (2)(a) As provided in section 32-939.02, a person who is the age of
22 an elector and a citizen of the United States residing outside the United
23 States, who has never resided in the United States, who has not
24 registered to vote in any other state of the United States, and who has a
25 parent registered to vote within this state shall be eligible to register
26 to vote and vote in one county in which either one of his or her parents
27 is a registered voter.

28 (b) A person registering to vote or voting pursuant to this
29 subsection shall sign and enclose with the registration application and
30 with the ballot being voted a form provided by the election commissioner
31 or county clerk substantially as follows: I am the age of an elector and

1 a citizen of the United States residing outside the United States, I have
2 never resided in the United States, I have not registered to vote in any
3 other state of the United States, and I have a parent registered to vote
4 in County, Nebraska. I hereby declare, under penalty of
5 election falsification, a Class IV felony, that the statements above are
6 true to the best of my knowledge.

7 THE PENALTY FOR ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TWO
8 FIVE YEARS AND TWELVE MONTHS POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OR A FINE NOT TO
9 EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH.

10 (Signature of Voter)

11 Sec. 13. Section 32-939.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 32-939.02 (1) Upon request for a ballot, a ballot for early voting
14 shall be forwarded to each voter meeting the criteria of section 32-939
15 at least forty-five days prior to any election.

16 (2) An omission of required information, except the political party
17 affiliation of the applicant, may prevent the processing of an
18 application for and mailing of ballots. The request for any ballots and a
19 registration application shall be sent to the election commissioner or
20 county clerk of the county of the applicant's residence. The request may
21 be sent at any time in the same calendar year as the election, except
22 that the request shall be received by the election commissioner or county
23 clerk not later than the third Friday preceding an election to vote in
24 that election. If an applicant fails to indicate his or her political
25 party affiliation on the application, the applicant shall be registered
26 as nonpartisan.

27 (3) A person described in section 32-939 may register to vote
28 through the use of the Federal Post Card Application or a personal letter
29 which includes the same information as appears on the Federal Post Card
30 Application and may simultaneously make application for ballots for all
31 elections in a calendar year. The person may indicate a preference for

1 ballots and other election materials to be delivered via facsimile
2 transmission or electronic mail by indicating such preference on the
3 Federal Post Card Application. If the person indicates such a preference,
4 the election commissioner or county clerk shall accommodate the voter's
5 preference.

6 (4) If the ballot for early voting has not been printed in
7 sufficient time to meet the request and special requirements of a voter
8 meeting the criteria of section 32-939, the election commissioner or
9 county clerk may issue a special ballot at least sixty days prior to an
10 election to such a voter upon a written request by such voter requesting
11 the special ballot. For purposes of this subsection, a special ballot
12 means a ballot prescribed by the Secretary of State which contains the
13 titles of all offices being contested at such election and permits the
14 voter to vote by writing in the names of the specific candidates or the
15 decision on any issue. The election commissioner or county clerk shall
16 include with the special ballot a complete list of the nominated
17 candidates and issues to be voted upon by the voter which are known at
18 the time of the voter's request.

19 (5) Any person meeting the criteria in section 32-939 may cast a
20 ballot by the use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. The Federal
21 Write-In Absentee Ballot may be used for all elections. If a person
22 casting a ballot using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot is not a
23 registered voter, the information submitted in the Federal Write-In
24 Absentee Ballot transmission envelope shall be treated as a voter
25 registration application.

26 (6)(a) (6) Any person requesting a ballot under this section may
27 receive and return the ballot and the oath prescribed in subdivision (b)
28 of this subsection (2) of section 32-947 using any method of transmission
29 authorized by the Secretary of State.

30 (b) An oath shall be delivered with the ballot and shall be in a
31 form substantially as follows:

1 VOTER'S OATH

2 I, the undersigned voter, declare that the ballot or ballots
3 contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I caused
4 the ballot or ballots to be marked.

5 To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under penalty of
6 election falsification that:

7 (a) I,, am a registered voter
8 in County;

9 (b) I have voted the ballot and am returning it in compliance with
10 Nebraska law; and

11 (c) I have not voted and will not vote in this election except by
12 this ballot.

13 ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS THIS FORM KNOWING THAT ANY OF THE INFORMATION
14 IN THE FORM IS FALSE SHALL BE GUILTY OF ELECTION FALSIFICATION, A CLASS
15 IV FELONY UNDER SECTION 32-1502 OF THE STATUTES OF NEBRASKA. THE PENALTY
16 FOR ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TWO YEARS AND TWELVE
17 MONTHS POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OR A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND
18 DOLLARS, OR BOTH.

19 I also understand that failure to sign below will invalidate my
20 ballot.

21 Signature

22 (7) The Secretary of State shall develop a process for a person
23 casting a ballot under this section to check the status of his or her
24 ballot via the Internet or a toll-free telephone call.

25 Sec. 14. Section 32-947, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 32-947 (1) Upon receipt of an application or other request for a
28 ballot to vote early, the election commissioner or county clerk shall
29 determine whether the applicant is a registered voter and is entitled to
30 vote as requested. If the election commissioner or county clerk
31 determines that the applicant is a registered voter entitled to vote

1 early and the application was received not later than the close of
2 business on the second Friday preceding the election, the election
3 commissioner or county clerk shall deliver a ballot to the applicant in
4 person or by mail, postage paid. The election commissioner or county
5 clerk or any employee of the election commissioner or county clerk shall
6 write or cause to be affixed his or her customary signature or initials
7 on the ballot.

8 (2) An unsealed identification envelope shall be delivered with the
9 ballot, and upon the back of the envelope shall be printed a form
10 substantially as follows:

11 VOTER'S OATH

12 I, the undersigned voter, declare that the enclosed ballot or
13 ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I
14 caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in the identification
15 envelope, and sealed in such envelope.

16 To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under penalty of
17 election falsification that:

18 (a) I,, am a registered voter
19 in County;

20 (b) I reside in the State of Nebraska at

21 (c) I have voted the enclosed ballot and am returning it in
22 compliance with Nebraska law; and

23 (d) I have not voted and will not vote in this election except by
24 this ballot.

25 ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS THIS FORM KNOWING THAT ANY OF THE INFORMATION
26 IN THE FORM IS FALSE SHALL BE GUILTY OF ELECTION FALSIFICATION, A CLASS
27 IV FELONY UNDER SECTION 32-1502 OF THE STATUTES OF NEBRASKA. THE PENALTY
28 FOR ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TWO FIVE YEARS AND
29 TWELVE MONTHS POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OR A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TEN
30 THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH.

31 I also understand that failure to sign below will invalidate my

1 ballot.

2 Signature

3 (3) If the ballot and identification envelope will be returned by
4 mail or by someone other than the voter, the election commissioner or
5 county clerk shall include with the ballot an identification envelope
6 upon the face of which shall be printed the official title and post
7 office address of the election commissioner or county clerk.

8 (4) The election commissioner or county clerk shall also enclose
9 with the ballot materials:

10 (a) A registration application, if the election commissioner or
11 county clerk has determined that the applicant is not a registered voter
12 pursuant to section 32-945, with instructions that failure to return the
13 completed and signed application indicating the residence address as it
14 appears on the voter's request for a ballot to the election commissioner
15 or county clerk by the close of the polls on election day will result in
16 the ballot not being counted;

17 (b) A registration application and the oath pursuant to section
18 32-946, if the voter is without a residence address, with instructions
19 that the residence address of the voter shall be deemed that of the
20 office of the election commissioner or county clerk of the county of the
21 voter's prior residence and that failure to return the completed and
22 signed application and oath to the election commissioner or county clerk
23 by the close of the polls on election day will result in the ballot not
24 being counted; or

25 (c) Written instructions directing the voter to submit a copy of an
26 identification document pursuant to section 32-318.01 if the voter is
27 required to present identification under such section and advising the
28 voter that failure to submit identification to the election commissioner
29 or county clerk by the close of the polls on election day will result in
30 the ballot not being counted.

31 (5) The election commissioner or county clerk may enclose with the

1 ballot materials a separate return envelope for the voter's use in
2 returning his or her identification envelope containing the voted ballot,
3 registration application, and other materials that may be required.

4 Sec. 15. Section 49-1494, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2016, is amended to read:

6 49-1494 (1) An individual who files to appear on the ballot for
7 election to an elective office specified in section 49-1493 shall file a
8 statement of financial interests for the preceding calendar year with the
9 commission as provided in this section.

10 (2) Candidates for the elective offices specified in section 49-1493
11 who qualify other than by filing shall file a statement for the preceding
12 calendar year with the commission within five days after becoming a
13 candidate or being appointed to that elective office.

14 ~~(3) A statement of financial interests shall be preserved for a~~
15 ~~period of not less than five years by the commission.~~

16 (3) ~~(4)~~ If the candidate for an elective office specified in section
17 49-1493 files to appear on the ballot for election prior to January 1 of
18 the year in which the election is held, the candidate shall file
19 supplementary statements, covering the preceding calendar year, with the
20 commission on or before March 1 of the year in which the election is held
21 or, if the filing deadline for the elective office is after March 1 of
22 the year in which the election is held, the candidate shall file such
23 supplementary statements on or before the filing deadline for the
24 elective office.

25 (4) If the candidate for an elective office specified in section
26 49-1493 files to appear on the ballot for election during the calendar
27 year in which the election is held, the candidate shall file a statement
28 of financial interests for the preceding calendar year with the
29 commission on or before March 1 of the year in which the election is held
30 or, if the filing deadline for the elective office is after March 1 of
31 the year in which the election is held, the candidate shall file such

1 statement on or before the filing deadline for the elective office.

2 (5) A candidate for an elective office specified in section 49-1493
3 who fails to file a statement of financial interests as required in
4 subsection (1) or (2) of this section within five days after the deadline
5 in subsection (3) or (4) of this section and section 49-1493 shall not
6 appear on the ballot.

7 (6) A statement of financial interests shall be preserved for a
8 period of not less than five years by the commission.

9 Sec. 16. Original sections 18-2713, 32-208, 32-301, 32-304, 32-312,
10 32-404, 32-566, 32-573, 32-601, 32-802, 32-915, 32-939, 32-939.02, and
11 32-947, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1494,
12 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are repealed.

13 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "32-208," in line 1 through line
14 12 and insert "18-2713, 32-208, 32-301, 32-304, 32-312, 32-404, 32-566,
15 32-573, 32-601, 32-802, 32-915, 32-939, 32-939.02, and 32-947, Reissue
16 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1494, Revised Statutes
17 Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to city and
18 village election procedures and voter registration list funding; to
19 harmonize provisions relating to a penalty; to eliminate a restriction on
20 an election commissioner becoming a candidate for elective office; to
21 change provisions relating to deadlines for certifications,
22 notifications, and published notice; to change provisions relating to
23 filling certain vacancies; to provide a voter's oath for nonresidents and
24 change provisions relating to ballot instructions; to change provisions
25 relating to the filing of a statement of financial interests by a
26 candidate for elective office; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
27 original sections."