

AMENDMENTS TO LB535

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

3 Section 1. Section 32-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 32-101 Sections 32-101 to 32-1551 and sections 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, and
6 18 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Election Act.

7 Sec. 2. Section 32-103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2022, is amended to read:

9 32-103 For purposes of the Election Act, the definitions found in
10 sections 32-104 to 32-120 and section 3 of this act shall be used.

11 Sec. 3. Valid photographic identification means:

12 (1) A document issued by the United States, the State of Nebraska,
13 an agency or a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, or a
14 postsecondary institution within the State of Nebraska that:

15 (a) Shows the name of the individual to whom the document was
16 issued; and

17 (b) Shows a photograph or digital image of the individual to whom
18 the document was issued;

19 (2) A document issued by the United States Department of Defense,
20 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, the
21 Veterans Administration, a branch of the uniformed services as defined in
22 section 85-2902, or a Native American Indian tribe or band recognized by
23 the United States Government that:

24 (a) Shows the name of the individual to whom the document was
25 issued; and

26 (b) Shows a photograph or digital image of the individual to whom
27 the document was issued; or

1 (3) A hospital, an assisted-living facility, a nursing home, or any
2 other skilled care facility record that:

3 (a) Shows the name of the individual who is the subject of the
4 record; and

5 (b) Shows a photograph or digital image of the individual who is the
6 subject of the record.

7 Sec. 4. Section 32-202, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2022, is amended to read:

9 32-202 In addition to any other duties prescribed by law, the
10 Secretary of State shall:

11 (1) Supervise the conduct of primary and general elections in this
12 state;

13 (2) Provide training and support for election commissioners, county
14 clerks, and other election officials in providing for day-to-day
15 operations of the office, registration of voters, and the conduct of
16 elections;

17 (3) Enforce the Election Act;

18 (4) With the assistance and advice of the Attorney General, make
19 uniform interpretations of the act;

20 (5) Provide periodic training for the agencies and their agents and
21 contractors in carrying out their duties under sections 32-308 to 32-310;

22 (6) Develop and print forms for use as required by sections 32-308,
23 32-310, 32-320, 32-329, 32-947, 32-956, and 32-958;

24 (7) Contract with the Department of Administrative Services for
25 storage and distribution of the forms;

26 (8) Require reporting to ensure compliance with sections 32-308 to
27 32-310;

28 (9) Prepare and transmit reports as required by the National Voter
29 Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.;

30 (10) Develop and print a manual describing the requirements of the
31 initiative and referendum process and distribute the manual to election

1 commissioners and county clerks for distribution to the public upon
2 request;

3 (11) Develop and print pamphlets described in section 32-1405.01;

4 (12) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary for
5 elections conducted under sections 32-952 to 32-959;~~and~~

6 (13) Establish a free access system, such as a toll-free telephone
7 number or an Internet website, that any voter who casts a provisional
8 ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that voter was counted
9 and, if the vote was not counted, the reason that the vote was not
10 counted. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain reasonable
11 procedures necessary to protect the security, confidentiality, and
12 integrity of personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used by
13 the free access system. Access to information about an individual
14 provisional ballot shall be restricted to the individual who cast the
15 ballot; -

16 (14) Provide a website dedicated to voter identification
17 requirements and procedures. The Secretary of State shall establish,
18 maintain, and regularly update on the website a document entitled "List
19 of Acceptable Forms of Identification" that lists forms of identification
20 that qualify as valid photographic identification for purposes of voter
21 identification;

22 (15) Provide a public awareness campaign regarding the voter
23 identification requirements and procedures, including communication
24 through multiple mediums and in-person events;

25 (16) Provide instructions and information to the Department of
26 Health and Human Services, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the
27 State Department of Education for distribution by such agencies to
28 Nebraska residents regarding the requirement to present valid
29 photographic identification in order to vote and the way to obtain free
30 valid photographic identification; and

31 (17) Not use or allow the use of citizenship information shared with

1 or collected by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Election Act for
2 any purpose other than maintenance of the voter registration list,
3 including law enforcement purposes.

4 Sec. 5. The Secretary of State shall develop a process to use the
5 information in possession of or available to his or her office to match
6 and verify the citizenship of the corresponding registered voter. The
7 Attorney General and the Department of Motor Vehicles shall cooperate
8 with the Secretary of State for such purpose. The Secretary of State may
9 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

10 Sec. 6. Section 32-308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 32-308 (1) The Secretary of State and the Director of Motor Vehicles
13 shall enter into an agreement to match information in the computerized
14 statewide voter registration list with information in the database of the
15 Department of Motor Vehicles to the extent required to enable each such
16 official to verify the accuracy of the information, including
17 citizenship, provided on applications for voter registration. The
18 Director of Motor Vehicles shall enter into an agreement with the
19 Commissioner of Social Security under section 205(r)(8) of the federal
20 Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 405(r)(8), as such section existed on
21 April 17, 2003, for purposes of the Election Act.

22 (2) The Department of Motor Vehicles, with the assistance of the
23 Secretary of State, shall prescribe a voter registration application
24 which may be used to register to vote or change his or her address for
25 voting purposes at the same time an elector applies for an original or
26 renewal motor vehicle operator's license, an original or renewal state
27 identification card, or a replacement thereof. The voter registration
28 application shall contain the information required pursuant to section
29 32-312 and shall be designed so that it does not require the duplication
30 of information in the application for the motor vehicle operator's
31 license or state identification card, except that it may require a second

1 signature of the applicant. The department and the Secretary of State
2 shall make the voter registration application available to any person
3 applying for an operator's license or state identification card. The
4 application shall be completed at the office of the department by the
5 close of business on the third Friday preceding any election to be
6 registered to vote at such election. A registration application received
7 after the deadline shall not be processed by the election commissioner or
8 county clerk until after the election.

9 (3) The Department of Motor Vehicles, in conjunction with the
10 Secretary of State, shall develop a process to electronically transmit
11 voter registration application information received under subsection (2)
12 of this section to the election commissioner or county clerk of the
13 county in which the applicant resides within the time limits prescribed
14 in subsection (4) of this section. The Director of Motor Vehicles shall
15 designate an implementation date for the process which shall be on or
16 before January 1, 2016.

17 (4) The voter registration application information shall be
18 transmitted to the election commissioner or county clerk of the county in
19 which the applicant resides not later than ten days after receipt, except
20 that if the voter registration application information is received within
21 five days prior to the third Friday preceding any election, it shall be
22 transmitted not later than five days after its original submission. Any
23 information on whether an applicant registers or declines to register and
24 the location of the office at which he or she registers shall be
25 confidential and shall only be used for voter registration purposes.

26 (5) For each voter registration application for which information is
27 transmitted electronically pursuant to this section, the Secretary of
28 State shall obtain a copy of the electronic representation of the
29 applicant's signature from the Department of Motor Vehicles' records of
30 his or her motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card
31 for purposes of voter registration. Each voter registration application

1 electronically transmitted under this section shall include information
2 provided by the applicant that includes whether the applicant is a
3 citizen of the United States, whether the applicant is of sufficient age
4 to register to vote, the applicant's residence address, the applicant's
5 postal address if different from the residence address, the date of birth
6 of the applicant, the party affiliation of the applicant or an indication
7 that the applicant is not affiliated with any political party, the
8 applicant's motor vehicle operator's license number, the applicant's
9 previous registration location by city, county, or state, if applicable,
10 and the applicant's signature.

11 (6) State agency personnel involved in the voter registration
12 process pursuant to this section and section 32-309 shall not be
13 considered deputy registrars or agents or employees of the election
14 commissioner or county clerk.

15 Sec. 7. Section 32-318.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2022, is amended to read:

17 32-318.01 (1)(a) Except as provided by subsection (2) of this
18 section, a person who registers to vote by mail after January 1, 2003,
19 and has not previously voted in an election within the state shall
20 present a photographic identification which is current and valid or a
21 copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or
22 other government document which is dated within the sixty days
23 immediately prior to the date of presentation and which shows the same
24 name and residence address of the person provided on the registration
25 application in order to avoid identification requirements at the time of
26 voting pursuant to section 32-914 or 32-947.

27 (b) Such documentation may be presented at the time of application
28 for registration, after submission of the application for registration,
29 or at the time of voting. The documentation must be received by the
30 election commissioner or county clerk not later than 6 p.m. on the second
31 Friday preceding the election to avoid additional identification

1 requirements at the time of voting at the polling place if the voter
2 votes in person. If the voter is voting using a ballot for early voting,
3 the documentation must be received by the election commissioner or county
4 clerk prior to the date on which the ballot is mailed to the voter to
5 avoid additional identification requirements at the time of voting.
6 Documentation received after the ballot has been mailed to the voter but
7 not later than the deadline for the receipt of ballots specified in
8 subsection (2) of section 32-908 will be considered timely for purposes
9 of determining the applicant's eligibility to vote in the election.

10 (c) Such documentation may be presented in person, by mail, or by
11 facsimile transmission.

12 (d) Failure to present such documentation may result in the ballot
13 not being counted pursuant to verification procedures prescribed in
14 sections 32-1002 and 32-1027.

15 (2) This section shall not apply to a A person who registers to vote
16 by mail after January 1, 2003, and has not previously voted in an
17 election within the state ~~shall not be required to present identification~~
18 if he or she:

19 (a) Has provided his or her Nebraska driver's license number or the
20 last four digits of his or her social security number and the election
21 commissioner or county clerk verifies the number provided pursuant to
22 subsection (2) of section 32-312.03;

23 (b) Is a member of the armed forces of the United States who by
24 reason of active duty is absent from his or her place of residence where
25 the member is otherwise eligible to vote;

26 (c) Is a member of the United States Merchant Marine who by reason
27 of service is away from his or her place of residence where the member is
28 otherwise eligible to vote;

29 (d) Is a spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces of the
30 United States or United States Merchant Marine who is absent from his or
31 her place of residence due to the service of that member;

1 (e) Resides outside the United States and but for such residence
2 would be qualified to vote in the state if the state was the last place
3 in which the person was domiciled before leaving the United States; or

4 (f) Is elderly or handicapped and has requested to vote by
5 alternative means other than by casting a ballot at his or her polling
6 place on election day.

7 (3) In addition to the requirements of this section, a qualified
8 voter shall present valid photographic identification before casting a
9 ballot.

10 Sec. 8. Section 32-914, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 32-914 (1) Official ballots shall be used at all elections. No
13 person shall receive a ballot or be entitled to vote unless and until he
14 or she is registered as a voter except as provided in section 32-914.01,
15 32-914.02, 32-915, 32-915.01, or 32-936.

16 (2) Except as otherwise specifically provided, no ballot shall be
17 handed to any voter at any election until:

18 (a) The voter has presented valid photographic identification and
19 stated the voter's ~~He or she announces his or her~~ name and address to the
20 clerk of election unless otherwise entitled to vote in the precinct under
21 section 10 of this act;

22 (b) The clerk has found that the voter ~~he or she~~ is a registered
23 voter at the address as shown by the precinct list of registered voters
24 unless otherwise entitled to vote in the precinct under section 32-328,
25 32-914.01, 32-914.02, 32-915, or 32-915.01;

26 (c) The voter has presented a photographic identification which is
27 current and valid at the time of the election, or a copy of a utility
28 bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government
29 document which is current at the time of the election and which shows the
30 same name and residence address of the voter that is on the precinct list
31 of registered voters, if the voter registered by mail after January 1,

1 2003, and has not previously voted in an election for a federal office
2 within the county and a notation appears on the precinct list of
3 registered voters that the voter has not previously presented
4 identification to the election commissioner or county clerk;

5 (d) As instructed by the clerk of election, the registered voter has
6 personally written his or her name (i) in the precinct sign-in register
7 on the appropriate line which follows the last signature of any previous
8 voter or (ii) in the combined document containing the precinct list of
9 registered voters and the sign-in register; and

10 (e) The clerk has listed on the precinct list of registered voters
11 the corresponding line number and name of the registered voter or has
12 listed the name of the voter in a separate book as provided in section
13 32-913.

14 Sec. 9. Section 32-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
15 2022, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 (2) A voter whose name appears on the precinct list of registered
3 voters for the polling place with a notation that the voter is required
4 to present identification pursuant to section 32-318.01 but fails to
5 present identification may vote a provisional ballot if he or she
6 completes and signs a registration application before voting.

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

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

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

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

15 (d) I registered to vote
16 in person at the election office or a voter registration site,
17 by mail,
18 by using the Secretary of State's website,
19 through the Department of Motor Vehicles,
20 on a form through another state agency,
21 in some other way;

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

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

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

28 (4) The voter shall sign the certification under penalty of election
29 falsification. The following statements shall be on the front of the
30 envelope or on the attached form: By signing the front of this envelope
31 or the attached form you are certifying to the information contained on

1 this envelope or the attached form under penalty of election
2 falsification. Election falsification is a Class IV felony and may be
3 punished by up to two years imprisonment and twelve months post-release
4 supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

5 (5) If the voter is also required to fill out a provisional voter
6 identification verification envelope pursuant to section 10 of this act,
7 the provisional ballot envelope shall be placed inside the provisional
8 voter identification verification envelope.

9 (6) (5) If the person's name does not appear on the precinct list of
10 registered voters for the polling place and the judge or clerk of
11 election determines that the person's residence address is located in
12 another precinct within the same county, the judge or clerk of election
13 shall direct the person to his or her correct polling place to vote.

14 Sec. 10. (1) A registered voter shall fill out a provisional voter
15 identification verification envelope if:

16 (a)(i) The voter fails to produce valid photographic identification
17 at the polling place; and

18 (ii) The voter's name appears on the precinct list of registered
19 voters for the polling place or the voter has voted a provisional ballot
20 as provided in section 32-915;

21 (b) The voter fails to produce valid photographic identification at
22 the time of voting early in person at the office of the election
23 commissioner or county clerk; or

24 (c) The voter has a reasonable impediment preventing the voter from
25 presenting valid photographic identification or the voter's name appears
26 on the precinct list of registered voters for the polling place with a
27 notation that the voter has a religious objection to being photographed.

28 (2) Each voter casting a ballot using a provisional voter
29 identification verification envelope shall enclose the ballot in an
30 envelope marked provisional voter identification verification and shall,
31 by signing the certification on the front of the envelope or a separate

1 form attached to the envelope, certify to the following facts:

2 (a) My name is;

3 (b) I am registered to vote at;

4 (c) I did not provide valid photographic identification as required
5 by law or I have a reasonable impediment preventing me from presenting
6 valid photographic identification;

7 (d) I am eligible to vote in this election and have not voted and
8 will not vote in this election except by this ballot; and

9 (e) I acknowledge that my ballot will not be counted if:

10 (i) I do not provide valid photographic identification to my county
11 election office on or before the Tuesday after the election; or

12 (ii) I have a reasonable impediment that prevents me from presenting
13 valid photographic identification and:

14 (A) I do not complete a reasonable impediment certification; or

15 (B) My county election official cannot verify the signature on my
16 reasonable impediment certification.

17 (3) The voter shall sign the certification under penalty of election
18 falsification. The following statements shall be on the front of the
19 envelope or on the attached form: By signing the front of this envelope
20 or the attached form you are certifying to the information contained on
21 this envelope or the attached form under penalty of election
22 falsification. Election falsification is a Class IV felony and may be
23 punished by up to two years imprisonment and twelve months post-release
24 supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

25 Sec. 11. (1) The Secretary of State shall provide a standard
26 certification for a voter with a reasonable impediment preventing the
27 voter from presenting valid photographic identification. The
28 certification shall include the following as separate boxes that a voter
29 may check to identify the applicable reasonable impediment:

30 (a) Inability to obtain valid photographic identification due to:

31 (i) Disability or illness; or

1 (ii) Lack of a birth certificate or other required documents; or
2 (b) Religious objection to being photographed.

3 (2) The Secretary of State shall provide the form of the
4 certification to the election commissioners and county clerks. A voter
5 who has a reasonable impediment shall execute the certification. The
6 election commissioner or county clerk shall verify the signature on the
7 certification with the signature appearing on the voter registration
8 record. A voter who casts a ballot by mail shall include the
9 certification with the application, except that a voter who casts a
10 ballot pursuant to section 32-953 shall include the certification within
11 the ballot envelope.

12 Sec. 12. (1) A voter with a religious objection to being
13 photographed may inform the election commissioner or county clerk of the
14 county in which the voter resides of such objection in writing prior to
15 an election. If the election commissioner or county clerk receives
16 written notice not later than 6 p.m. on the second Friday preceding the
17 election, the election commissioner or county clerk shall place a
18 notation on the precinct list of registered voters for the polling place
19 that the voter has a religious objection to being photographed.

20 (2) For all subsequent elections, the election commissioner or
21 county clerk shall place a notation on the precinct list of registered
22 voters for the polling place that the voter has a religious objection to
23 being photographed if such voter:

24 (a) Completes a reasonable impediment certification pursuant to
25 section 11 of this act;

26 (b) Has a ballot accepted pursuant to section 18 of this act; and

27 (c) Is otherwise eligible to vote.

28 Sec. 13. Section 32-941, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 32-941 (1) Any registered voter permitted to vote early pursuant to
31 section 32-938 may, not more than one hundred twenty days before any

1 election and not later than the close of business on the second Friday
2 preceding the election, request a ballot for the election to be mailed to
3 a specific address. A registered voter shall request a ballot in writing
4 to the election commissioner or county clerk in the county where the
5 registered voter has established his or her home, ~~and~~ shall indicate his
6 or her residence address, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed
7 if different, and his or her telephone number if available, and shall
8 include:

9 (a) The identification number of the voter's driver's license or
10 state identification card issued by the State of Nebraska;

11 (b) A photocopy of any other valid photographic identification
12 issued to or related to the voter; or

13 (c) The voter's reasonable impediment certification.

14 (2) If such identification or certification is not provided, the
15 election commissioner or county clerk shall contact the voter and inform
16 the voter that the ballot will not be issued until the voter provides the
17 identification or certification required under this section.

18 (3) The registered voter may use the form published by the election
19 commissioner or county clerk pursuant to section 32-808. The registered
20 voter shall sign the request. A registered voter may use a facsimile
21 machine or electronic mail for the submission of a request for a ballot.

22 (4) The election commissioner or county clerk shall include a
23 registration application with the ballots if the person is not
24 registered. Registration applications shall not be mailed after the third
25 Friday preceding the election. If the person is not registered to vote,
26 the registration application shall be returned not later than the closing
27 of the polls on the day of the election. No ballot issued under this
28 section shall be counted unless such registration application is properly
29 completed and processed.

30 (5) Subdivisions (1)(a) through (c) of this section do not apply to
31 any voter who casts a ballot pursuant to section 32-939.02 or 32-939.03.

1 Sec. 14. Section 32-942, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 32-942 (1)(a) A (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)
4 of this section, a registered voter of this state who anticipates being
5 absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of any election
6 may appear in person before the election commissioner or county clerk not
7 more than thirty days prior to the day of election, present valid
8 photographic identification, and obtain his or her ballot unless
9 otherwise entitled to vote in the office under section 10 of this act.

10 The registered voter shall vote the ballot in the office of the election
11 commissioner or county clerk or shall return the ballot to the office not
12 later than the closing of the polls on the day of the election.

13 **(b)** A registered voter who is present in the county on the day of
14 the election and who chooses to vote on the day of the election shall
15 vote at the polling place assigned to the precinct in which he or she
16 resides unless he or she is returning a ballot for early voting or voting
17 pursuant to section 32-943.

18 (2) If a person registers to vote and requests a ballot at the same
19 time under this section, he or she shall, in addition to the requirements
20 of subsection (1) of this section, (a)(i) present one of the address
21 confirmation documents as prescribed in subdivision (1)(a) of section
22 32-318.01, (ii) present proof that he or she is a member of the armed
23 forces of the United States who by reason of active duty has been absent
24 from his or her place of residence where the member is otherwise eligible
25 to vote, is a member of the United States Merchant Marine who by reason
26 of service has been away from his or her place of residence where the
27 member is otherwise eligible to vote, is a spouse or dependent of a
28 member of the armed forces of the United States or United States Merchant
29 Marine who has been absent from his or her place of residence due to the
30 service of that member, or resides outside the United States and but for
31 such residence would be qualified to vote in the state if the state was

1 the last place in which the person was domiciled before leaving the
2 United States, or (iii) state that he or she is elderly or handicapped
3 and has requested to vote by alternative means other than by casting a
4 ballot at his or her polling place on election day or (b) vote a ballot
5 which is placed in an envelope with the voter's name and address and
6 other necessary identifying information and kept securely for counting as
7 provided in this subsection. This subsection does not extend the deadline
8 for voter registration specified in section 32-302. A ballot cast
9 pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection shall be rejected and
10 shall not be counted if the acknowledgment of registration sent to the
11 registrant pursuant to section 32-322 is returned as undeliverable for a
12 reason other than clerical error within ten days after it is mailed,
13 otherwise after such ten-day period, the ballot shall be counted.

14 (3) This section applies only to a person who appears in person to
15 obtain a ballot as provided in subsection (1) of this section and does
16 not apply to a ballot mailed to a voter pursuant to section 32-945.

17 Sec. 15. Section 32-943, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 32-943 (1) Any registered voter who is permitted to vote early
20 pursuant to section 32-938 may appoint an agent to submit a request for a
21 ballot for early voting on his or her behalf. The registered voter or his
22 or her agent may request that the ballot be sent to the registered voter
23 by mail or indicate on the request that the agent will personally pick up
24 the ballot for such registered voter from the office of the election
25 commissioner or county clerk. A registered voter or an agent acting on
26 behalf of a registered voter shall request a ballot in writing to the
27 election commissioner or county clerk in the county where the registered
28 voter has established his or her residence, ~~and~~ shall indicate the
29 voter's residence address, the address to which the ballot is to be
30 mailed if different, and the voter's telephone number if available and
31 precinct if known, and shall: -

1 (a) Present a valid photographic identification of the voter; or

2 (b) Include, with the request:

3 (i) The identification number of the voter's driver's license or
4 state identification card issued by the State of Nebraska;

5 (ii) A photocopy of valid photographic identification issued to or
6 related to the voter; or

7 (iii) The voter's reasonable impediment certification. The
8 certification shall be verified pursuant to section 18 of this act.

9 (2) The registered voter or the voter's agent may use the form
10 published by the election commissioner or county clerk pursuant to
11 section 32-808. The registered voter or his or her agent shall sign the
12 request.

13 (3) ~~(2)~~ A candidate for office at such election and any person
14 serving on a campaign committee for such a candidate shall not act as an
15 agent for any registered voter requesting a ballot pursuant to this
16 section unless such person is a member of the registered voter's family.
17 No person shall act as agent for more than two registered voters in any
18 election.

19 (4) ~~(3)~~ The agent shall pick up the ballot before one hour prior to
20 the closing of the polls on election day and deliver the ballot to the
21 registered voter. The ballot shall be returned not later than the closing
22 of the polls on the day of the election and shall be returned in an
23 identification envelope as provided in section 32-947.

24 (5) ~~(4)~~ The election commissioner or county clerk shall adopt
25 procedures for the distribution of ballots under this section.

26 (6) Subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this section do not apply to any
27 voter who casts a ballot pursuant to section 32-939.02 or 32-939.03.

28 Sec. 16. Section 32-953, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 32-953 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
31 section, the election commissioner or county clerk shall mail the

1 official ballot to all registered voters of the political subdivision or
2 the district or ward of the political subdivision at the addresses
3 appearing on the voter registration register on the same day. The ballots
4 shall be mailed by nonforwardable first-class mail not sooner than the
5 twenty-second day before the date set for the election and not later than
6 the tenth day before the date set for the election. The election
7 commissioner or county clerk shall include with the ballot instructions
8 sufficient to describe the voting process and an unsealed identification
9 envelope. Upon the back of the identification envelope shall be printed
10 boxes sufficient for the voter to provide the voter's Nebraska driver's
11 license number or state identification card number and a form
12 substantially as follows: ~~meeting the requirements of subsection (2) of~~
13 ~~section 32-947 and instructions sufficient to describe the voting~~
14 ~~process.~~

15 VOTER'S OATH

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

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

22 (a) I,, am a registered voter
23 in County;

24 (b) I reside in the State of Nebraska at;

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

27 (d) I have not voted and will not vote in this election except by
28 this ballot; and

29 (e)(i) My Nebraska driver's license number or state identification
30 card number is written in the corresponding boxes;

31 (ii) A photocopy of my valid photographic identification is

1 enclosed; or

2 (iii) I have a reasonable impediment that prevents me from
3 presenting valid photographic identification and my certification is
4 enclosed.

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

11 I also understand that failure to sign below will invalidate my
12 ballot.

13 Signature

14 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk may choose not to mail
15 a ballot to all registered voters who have been sent a notice pursuant to
16 section 32-329 and failed to respond to the notice. If the election
17 commissioner or county clerk chooses not to mail a ballot to such voters,
18 he or she shall mail a notice to all such registered voters explaining
19 how to obtain a ballot and stating the applicable deadlines.

20 (3) This section does not apply to any voter who casts a ballot
21 pursuant to section 32-939.02 or 32-939.03.

22 Sec. 17. Section 32-957, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
23 amended to read:

24 32-957 (1) An official ballot under section 32-953 shall be counted
25 only if it is returned in the identification envelope, the envelope is
26 signed by the voter to whom it was issued, and the signature is verified
27 by the election commissioner or county clerk, and the voter provided the
28 voter's driver's license number or state identification card number on
29 the envelope or provided a photocopy of valid photographic identification
30 or a reasonable impediment certification inside the envelope.

31 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall verify the

1 signature on each identification envelope received in his or her office
2 with the signature appearing on the voter registration records. If the
3 election commissioner or county clerk is unable to verify a signature,
4 the election commissioner or county clerk shall contact the voter within
5 two days after determining that he or she is unable to verify the
6 signature to ascertain whether the voter cast a ballot. The election
7 commissioner or county clerk may request that the registered voter sign
8 and submit a current signature card pursuant to section 32-318. The
9 election commissioner or county clerk may begin verifying the signatures
10 as the envelopes are received in his or her office.

11 (3) If a voter fails to provide the voter's driver's license number
12 or state identification card number, valid photographic identification,
13 or a reasonable impediment certification as required under subsection (1)
14 of this section, the election commissioner or county clerk shall contact
15 the voter no later than the day after the election and the voter shall
16 present valid photographic identification or a reasonable impediment
17 certification to the election commissioner or county clerk on or before
18 the Tuesday after the election or the ballot shall not be counted.

19 (4) If the election commissioner or county clerk determines that a
20 voter has voted more than once, no ballot cast by that voter in that
21 election shall be counted. The election commissioner or county clerk
22 shall make public any record or list of registered voters who have
23 returned their ballots.

24 (5) Subsections (1) and (3) of this section do not apply to any
25 voter who casts a ballot pursuant to section 32-939.02 or 32-939.03.

26 Sec. 18. (1) As the ballots are removed from the ballot box
27 pursuant to sections 32-1012 to 32-1018, the receiving board shall
28 separate the provisional voter identification verification envelopes from
29 the rest of the ballots and deliver them to the election commissioner or
30 county clerk.

31 (2) Upon receipt of a provisional voter identification verification

1 envelope, the election commissioner or county clerk shall verify that the
2 certificate on the front of the envelope or the form attached to the
3 envelope is in proper form and that the certification has been signed by
4 the voter.

5 (3) The election commissioner or county clerk shall also verify that
6 such person has not voted anywhere else in the county or been issued a
7 ballot for early voting.

8 (4) A ballot cast by a voter pursuant to section 10 of this act
9 shall be counted if the voter completed and signed the certification on
10 the provisional voter identification verification envelope and the voter:

11 (a) Presented valid photographic identification to the election
12 commissioner or county clerk on or before the Tuesday after the election;
13 or

14 (b) Has a reasonable impediment preventing the voter from presenting
15 valid photographic identification, the voter completes a reasonable
16 impediment certification, and the election commissioner or county clerk
17 verifies the signature on the reasonable impediment certification with
18 the signature appearing on the voter registration record.

19 (5) A ballot cast by a voter pursuant to section 10 of this act
20 shall not be counted if:

21 (a) The voter failed to complete and sign the certification on the
22 provisional voter identification verification envelope pursuant to
23 subsection (2) of section 10 of this act;

24 (b) The voter failed to present valid photographic identification to
25 the election commissioner or county clerk on or before the Tuesday after
26 the election; or

27 (c) The voter has a reasonable impediment preventing the voter from
28 presenting valid photographic identification and:

29 (i) The voter did not complete a reasonable impediment
30 certification; or

31 (ii) The election commissioner or county clerk was not able to

1 verify the signature on the reasonable impediment certification with the
2 signature appearing on the voter registration record.

3 (6) Upon determining that the voter's ballot is eligible to be
4 counted, the election commissioner or county clerk shall remove the
5 ballot from the provisional voter identification verification envelope
6 without exposing the marks on the ballot and shall place the ballot with
7 the ballots to be counted by the county canvassing board.

8 (7) The election commissioner or county clerk shall notify the
9 system administrator of the free access system created pursuant to
10 section 32-202 as to whether the ballot was counted and, if not, the
11 reason the ballot was not counted.

12 (8) The verification shall be completed within seven business days
13 after the election.

14 Sec. 19. Section 32-1027, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
15 2022, is amended to read:

16 32-1027 (1) The election commissioner or county clerk shall appoint
17 two or more registered voters to the counting board for early voting. One
18 registered voter shall be appointed from the political party casting the
19 highest number of votes for Governor or for President of the United
20 States in the county in the immediately preceding general election, and
21 one registered voter shall be appointed from the political party casting
22 the next highest vote for such office. The election commissioner or
23 county clerk may appoint additional registered voters to serve on the
24 counting board and may appoint registered voters to serve in case of a
25 vacancy among any of the members of the counting board. Such appointees
26 shall be balanced between the political parties and may include
27 registered voters unaffiliated with any political party. The counting
28 board may begin carrying out its duties not earlier than the second
29 Friday before the election and shall meet as directed by the election
30 commissioner or county clerk.

31 (2) The counting board shall place all identification envelopes in

1 order and shall review each returned identification envelope pursuant to
2 verification procedures prescribed in subsections (3) and (4) of this
3 section.

4 (3) In its review, the counting board shall determine if:

5 (a) The voter has provided his or her name, residence address, and
6 signature on the voter identification envelope;

7 (b) The ballot has been received from the voter who requested it and
8 the residence address is the same address provided on the voter's request
9 for a ballot for early voting, by comparing the information provided on
10 the identification envelope with information recorded in the record of
11 early voters or the voter's request;

12 (c) A completed and signed registration application has been
13 received from the voter by the deadline in section 32-302, 32-321, or
14 32-325 or by the close of the polls pursuant to section 32-945;

15 (d) An identification document has been received from the voter not
16 later than the close of the polls on election day if required pursuant to
17 section 32-318.01; and

18 (e) A completed and signed registration application and oath has
19 been received from the voter by the close of the polls on election day if
20 required pursuant to section 32-946.

21 (4) On the basis of its review, the counting board shall determine
22 whether the ballot shall be counted or rejected as follows:

23 (a) A ballot received from a voter who was properly registered on or
24 prior to the deadline for registration pursuant to section 32-302 or
25 32-321 shall be accepted for counting without further review if:

26 (i) The name on the identification envelope appears to be that of a
27 registered voter to whom a ballot for early voting has been issued or
28 sent;

29 (ii) The residence address provided on the identification envelope
30 is the same residence address at which the voter is registered or is in
31 the same precinct and subdivision of a precinct, if any; and

1 (iii) The identification envelope has been signed by the voter;

2 (b) In the case of a ballot received from a voter who was not
3 properly registered prior to the deadline for registration pursuant to
4 section 32-302 or 32-321, the ballot shall be accepted for counting if:

5 (i) A valid registration application completed and signed by the
6 voter has been received by the election commissioner or county clerk
7 prior to the close of the polls on election day;

8 (ii) The name on the identification envelope appears to be that of
9 the person who requested the ballot;

10 (iii) The residence address provided on the identification envelope
11 and on the registration application is the same as the residence address
12 as provided on the voter's request for a ballot for early voting; and

13 (iv) The identification envelope has been signed by the voter;

14 (c) In the case of a ballot received from a voter without a
15 residence address who requested a ballot pursuant to section 32-946, the
16 ballot shall be accepted for counting if:

17 (i) The name on the identification envelope appears to be that of a
18 registered voter to whom a ballot has been sent;

19 (ii) A valid registration application completed and signed by the
20 voter, for whom the residence address is deemed to be the address of the
21 office of the election commissioner or county clerk pursuant to section
22 32-946, has been received by the election commissioner or county clerk
23 prior to the close of the polls on election day;

24 (iii) The oath required pursuant to section 32-946 has been
25 completed and signed by the voter and received by the election
26 commissioner or county clerk by the close of the polls on election day;
27 and

28 (iv) The identification envelope has been signed by the voter;—and

29 (d) In the case of a ballot received from a registered voter
30 required to present identification before voting pursuant to section
31 32-318.01, the ballot shall be accepted for counting if:

1 (i) The name on the identification envelope appears to be that of a
2 registered voter to whom a ballot has been issued or sent;

3 (ii) The residence address provided on the identification envelope
4 is the same address at which the voter is registered or is in the same
5 precinct and subdivision of a precinct, if any;

6 (iii) A copy of an identification document authorized in section
7 32-318.01 has been received by the election commissioner or county clerk
8 prior to the close of the polls on election day; and

9 (iv) The identification envelope has been signed by the voter; and -

10 (e) In the case of a ballot received from a registered voter who
11 filled out a reasonable impediment certification pursuant to section 11
12 of this act, the ballot shall be accepted for counting if:

13 (i) The signature on the certification matches the signature on file
14 with the election commissioner or county clerk;

15 (ii) The name on the identification envelope appears to be that of a
16 registered voter to whom a ballot has been issued or sent;

17 (iii) The residence address provided on the identification envelope
18 is the same address at which the voter is registered or is in the same
19 precinct and subdivision of a precinct, if any; and

20 (iv) The identification envelope has been signed by the voter.

21 (5) In opening the identification envelope or the return envelope to
22 determine if registration applications, oaths, or identification
23 documents have been enclosed by the voters from whom they are required,
24 the counting board shall make a good faith effort to ensure that the
25 ballot remains folded and that the secrecy of the vote is preserved.

26 (6) The counting board may, on the second Friday before the
27 election, open all identification envelopes which are approved, and if
28 the signature of the election commissioner or county clerk or his or her
29 employee is on the ballot, the ballot shall be unfolded, flattened for
30 purposes of using the optical scanner, and placed in a sealed container
31 for counting as directed by the election commissioner or county clerk. At

1 the discretion of the election commissioner or county clerk, the counting
2 board may begin counting early ballots no earlier than twenty-four hours
3 prior to the opening of the polls on the day of the election.

4 (7) If an identification envelope is rejected, the counting board
5 shall not open the identification envelope. The counting board shall
6 write Rejected on the identification envelope and the reason for the
7 rejection. If the ballot is rejected after opening the identification
8 envelope because of the absence of the official signature on the ballot,
9 the ballot shall be reinserted in the identification envelope which shall
10 be resealed and marked Rejected, no official signature. The counting
11 board shall place the rejected identification envelopes and ballots in a
12 container labeled Rejected Ballots and seal it.

13 (8) As soon as all ballots have been placed in the sealed container
14 and rejected identification envelopes or ballots have been sealed in the
15 Rejected Ballots container, the counting board shall count the ballots
16 the same as all other ballots and an unofficial count shall be reported
17 to the election commissioner or county clerk. No results shall be
18 released prior to the closing of the polls on election day.

19 Sec. 20. Section 60-4,115, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
20 2022, is amended to read:

21 60-4,115 (1) Fees for operators' licenses and state identification
22 cards shall be collected by department personnel or the county treasurer
23 and distributed according to the table in subsection (2) of this section,
24 except for the ignition interlock permit and associated fees as outlined
25 in subsection (4) of this section and the 24/7 sobriety program permit
26 and associated fees as outlined in subsection (5) of this section. County
27 officials shall remit the county portion of the fees collected to the
28 county treasurer for placement in the county general fund. All other fees
29 collected shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
30 appropriate fund.

31 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section,

1 ~~the~~ The fees provided in this subsection in the following dollar amounts
 2 apply for operators' licenses and state identification cards.

| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Department | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------|----|
| | | | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Document | Total | County | of Motor | State | |
| | Fee | General | Vehicles | General | |
| | | Fund | Cash Fund | Fund | |
| 7 State identification card: | | | | | |
| 8 Valid for 1 year or less | 5.00 | 2.75 | 1.25 | 1.00 | |
| 9 Valid for more than 1 year | | | | | |
| 10 but not more than 2 years | 10.00 | 2.75 | 4.00 | 3.25 | |
| 11 Valid for more than 2 years | | | | | |
| 12 but not more than 3 years | 14.00 | 2.75 | 5.25 | 6.00 | |
| 13 Valid for more than 3 years | | | | | |
| 14 but not more than 4 years | 19.00 | 2.75 | 8.00 | 8.25 | |
| 15 Valid for more than 4 years | | | | | |
| 16 for person under 21 | 24.00 | 2.75 | 10.25 | 11.00 | |
| 17 Valid for 5 years | 24.00 | 3.50 | 13.25 | 7.25 | |
| 18 Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 | |
| 19 Class 0 or M operator's | | | | | |
| 20 license: | | | | | |
| 21 Valid for 1 year or less | 5.00 | 2.75 | 1.25 | 1.00 | |
| 22 Valid for more than 1 year | | | | | |
| 23 but not more than 2 years | 10.00 | 2.75 | 4.00 | 3.25 | |
| 24 Valid for more than 2 years | | | | | |
| 25 but not more than 3 years | 14.00 | 2.75 | 5.25 | 6.00 | |
| 26 Valid for more than 3 years | | | | | |
| 27 but not more than 4 years | 19.00 | 2.75 | 8.00 | 8.25 | |
| 28 Valid for 5 years | 24.00 | 3.50 | 13.25 | 7.25 | |
| 29 Bioptic or telescopic lens | | | | | |

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1 | restriction: | | | | |
| 2 | Valid for 1 year or less | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 3 | Valid for more than 1 year | | | | |
| 4 | but not more than 2 years | 10.00 | 2.75 | 4.00 | 3.25 |
| 5 | Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 |
| 6 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 7 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 8 | Provisional operator's permit: | | | | |
| 9 | Original | 15.00 | 2.75 | 12.25 | 0 |
| 10 | Bioptic or telescopic lens | | | | |
| 11 | restriction: | | | | |
| 12 | Valid for 1 year or less | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 13 | Valid for more than 1 year | | | | |
| 14 | but not more than 2 years | 15.00 | 2.75 | 12.25 | 0 |
| 15 | Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 |
| 16 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 17 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 18 | LPD-learner's permit: | | | | |
| 19 | Original | 8.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 2.75 |
| 20 | Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 |
| 21 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 22 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 23 | LPE-learner's permit: | | | | |
| 24 | Original | 8.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 2.75 |
| 25 | Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 |
| 26 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 27 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 28 | School permit: | | | | |
| 29 | Original | 8.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 2.75 |

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|----|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 |
| 2 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 3 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 4 | Farm permit: | | | | |
| 5 | Original or renewal | 5.00 | .25 | 0 | 4.75 |
| 6 | Replacement | 5.00 | .25 | 0 | 4.75 |
| 7 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 8 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 9 | Driving permits: | | | | |
| 10 | Employment | 45.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 40.00 |
| 11 | Medical hardship | 45.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 40.00 |
| 12 | Replacement | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |
| 13 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 14 | endorsement, or restriction | 5.00 | 0 | 5.00 | 0 |
| 15 | Commercial driver's license: | | | | |
| 16 | Valid for 1 year or less | 11.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 4.25 |
| 17 | Valid for more than 1 year | | | | |
| 18 | but not more than 2 years | 22.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 15.25 |
| 19 | Valid for more than 2 years | | | | |
| 20 | but not more than 3 years | 33.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 26.25 |
| 21 | Valid for more than 3 years | | | | |
| 22 | but not more than 4 years | 44.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 37.25 |
| 23 | Valid for 5 years | 55.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 48.25 |
| 24 | Bioptic or telescopic lens | | | | |
| 25 | restriction: | | | | |
| 26 | Valid for one year or less | 11.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 4.25 |
| 27 | Valid for more than 1 year | | | | |
| 28 | but not more than 2 years | 22.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 15.25 |
| 29 | Replacement | 11.00 | 2.75 | 6.00 | 2.25 |

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|----|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 2 | endorsement, or restriction | 10.00 | 1.75 | 5.00 | 3.25 |
| 3 | CLP-commercial learner's | | | | |
| 4 | permit: | | | | |
| 5 | Original or renewal | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |
| 6 | Replacement | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |
| 7 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 8 | endorsement, or restriction | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |
| 9 | Seasonal permit: | | | | |
| 10 | Original or renewal | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |
| 11 | Replacement | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |
| 12 | Add, change, or remove class, | | | | |
| 13 | endorsement, or restriction | 10.00 | .25 | 5.00 | 4.75 |

14 (3) If the department issues an operator's license or a state
15 identification card and collects the fees, the department shall remit the
16 county portion of the fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the
17 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

18 (4)(a) The fee for an ignition interlock permit shall be forty-five
19 dollars. Five dollars of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer
20 for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. Forty dollars
21 of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
22 Department of Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund.

23 (b) The fee for a replacement ignition interlock permit shall be
24 eleven dollars. Two dollars and seventy-five cents of the fee shall be
25 remitted to the county treasurer for credit to the county general fund.
26 Six dollars of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
27 credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. Two dollars and
28 twenty-five cents of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
29 credit to the General Fund.

30 (c) The fee for adding, changing, or removing a class, endorsement,

1 or restriction on an ignition interlock permit shall be five dollars. The
2 fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department
3 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

4 (5)(a) The fee for a 24/7 sobriety program permit shall be forty-
5 five dollars. Twenty-five dollars of the fee shall be remitted to the
6 State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.
7 Fifteen dollars of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
8 credit to the General Fund. Five dollars of the fee shall be remitted to
9 the county treasurer for credit to the county general fund.

10 (b) The fee for a replacement 24/7 sobriety program permit shall be
11 eleven dollars. Two dollars and seventy-five cents of the fee shall be
12 remitted to the county treasurer for credit to the county general fund.
13 Six dollars of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
14 credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. Two dollars and
15 twenty-five cents of the fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
16 credit to the General Fund.

17 (c) The fee for adding, changing, or removing a class, endorsement,
18 or restriction on a 24/7 sobriety program permit shall be five dollars.
19 The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
20 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

21 (6) The department and its agents may collect an identity security
22 surcharge to cover the cost of security and technology practices used to
23 protect the identity of applicants for and holders of operators' licenses
24 and state identification cards and to reduce identity theft, fraud, and
25 forgery and counterfeiting of such licenses and cards to the maximum
26 extent possible. The surcharge shall be in addition to all other required
27 fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards. The amount
28 of the surcharge shall be determined by the department. The surcharge
29 shall not exceed eight dollars. The surcharge shall be remitted to the
30 State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

31 (7) No fee shall be charged for issuance of an original, renewal, or

1 duplicate state identification card to a resident of Nebraska who (a)
2 does not have a valid Nebraska driver's license, (b) is requesting
3 issuance of such card for voting purposes, and (c) is at least eighteen
4 years of age or is seventeen years of age and will attain the age of
5 eighteen years on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
6 November of the then current calendar year.

7 Sec. 21. Section 60-4,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

9 60-4,119 (1) All state identification cards and operators' licenses,
10 except farm permits, shall include a digital image and a digital
11 signature of the cardholder or licensee as provided in section 60-484.02.
12 Receipts for state identification cards and operators' licenses shall
13 include a digital image of the cardholder or licensee and shall be issued
14 by the county treasurer or the Department of Motor Vehicles. The director
15 shall negotiate and enter into a contract to provide the necessary
16 equipment, supplies, and forms for the issuance of the licenses and
17 cards. All costs incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles under this
18 section shall be paid by the state out of appropriations made to the
19 department. All costs of capturing the digital images and digital
20 signatures shall be paid by the issuer from the fees provided to the
21 issuer pursuant to section 60-4,115.

22 (2) A person who is out of the state at the time of renewal of his
23 or her operator's license may apply for a license upon payment of a fee
24 as provided in section 60-4,115. The license may be issued at any time
25 within one year after the expiration of the original license. Such
26 application shall be made to the department, and the department shall
27 issue the license.

28 (3) Any operator's license and any state identification card issued
29 to a minor as defined in section 53-103.23, as such definition may be
30 amended from time to time by the Legislature, shall be of a distinct
31 designation, of a type prescribed by the director, from the operator's

1 license or state identification card of a person who is not a minor.

2 Sec. 22. Section 60-4,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 60-4,120 (1) Any person duly licensed or holding a valid state
5 identification card issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act
6 who loses his or her operator's license or card may make application to
7 the department for a replacement license or card.

8 (2) If any person changes his or her name because of marriage or
9 divorce or by court order or a common-law name change, he or she shall
10 apply to the department for a replacement operator's license or state
11 identification card and furnish proof of identification in accordance
12 with section 60-484. If any person changes his or her address, the person
13 shall apply to the department for a replacement operator's license or
14 state identification card and furnish satisfactory evidence of such
15 change. The application shall be made within sixty days after the change
16 of name or address.

17 (3) In the event a mutilated or unreadable operator's license is
18 held by any person duly licensed under the act or a mutilated or
19 unreadable state identification card which was issued under the act is
20 held by a person, such person may obtain a replacement license or card.
21 Upon report of the mutilated or unreadable license or card and
22 application for a replacement license or card, a replacement license or
23 card may be issued if the department is satisfied that the original
24 license or card is mutilated or unreadable.

25 (4) If any person duly licensed under the act loses his or her
26 operator's license or if any holder of a state identification card loses
27 his or her card while temporarily out of the state, he or she may make
28 application to the department for a replacement operator's license or
29 card by applying to the department and reporting such loss. Upon receipt
30 of a correctly completed application, the department shall cause to be
31 issued a replacement operator's license or card.

1 (5) Any person who holds a valid operator's license or state
2 identification card without a digital image shall surrender such license
3 or card to the department within thirty days after resuming residency in
4 this state. After the thirty-day period, such license or card shall be
5 considered invalid and no license or card shall be issued until the
6 individual has made application for replacement or renewal.

7 (6) Application for a replacement operator's license or state
8 identification card shall include the information required under sections
9 60-484 and 60-484.04.

10 (7) An applicant may obtain a replacement operator's license or
11 state identification card pursuant to subsection (1) or (3) of this
12 section by electronic means in a manner prescribed by the department. No
13 replacement license or card shall be issued unless the applicant has a
14 digital image and digital signature preserved in the digital system.

15 (8) Each replacement operator's license or state identification card
16 shall be issued with the same expiration date as the license or card for
17 which the replacement is issued. The replacement license or card shall
18 also state the new issuance date. Upon issuance of any replacement
19 license or card, the license or card for which the replacement is issued
20 shall be void.

21 (9) A replacement operator's license or state identification card
22 issued under this section shall be delivered to the applicant as provided
23 in section 60-4,113 after the county treasurer or department collects the
24 fee and surcharge prescribed in section 60-4,115 and issues the applicant
25 a receipt with driving privileges which is valid for up to thirty days.
26 The receipt shall contain the digital image of the applicant.

27 Sec. 23. Section 71-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
28 amended to read:

29 71-612 (1) The department, as the State Registrar, shall preserve
30 permanently and index all certificates received. The department shall
31 supply to any applicant for any proper purpose, as defined by rules and

1 regulations of the department, a certified copy of the record of any
2 birth, death, marriage, annulment, or dissolution of marriage or an
3 abstract of marriage. The department shall supply a copy of a public
4 vital record for viewing purposes at its office upon an application
5 signed by the applicant and upon proof of the identity of the applicant.
6 The application may include the name, address, and telephone number of
7 the applicant, purpose for viewing each record, and other information as
8 may be prescribed by the department by rules and regulations to protect
9 the integrity of vital records and prevent their fraudulent use. Except
10 as provided in subsections (2), (3), (5), (6), ~~and (7),~~ and (9) of this
11 section, the department shall be entitled to charge and collect in
12 advance a fee of sixteen dollars to be paid by the applicant for each
13 certified copy or abstract of marriage supplied to the applicant or for
14 any search made at the applicant's request for access to or a certified
15 copy of any record or abstract of marriage, whether or not the record or
16 abstract is found on file with the department.

17 (2) The department shall, free of charge, search for and furnish a
18 certified copy of any record or abstract of marriage on file with the
19 department upon the request of (a) the United States Department of
20 Veterans Affairs or any lawful service organization empowered to
21 represent veterans if the copy of the record or abstract of marriage is
22 to be issued, for the welfare of any member or veteran of the armed
23 forces of the United States or in the interests of any member of his or
24 her family, in connection with a claim growing out of service in the
25 armed forces of the nation or (b) the Military Department.

26 (3) The department may, free of charge, search for and furnish a
27 certified copy of any record or abstract of marriage on file with the
28 department when in the opinion of the department it would be a hardship
29 for the claimant of old age, survivors, or disability benefits under the
30 federal Social Security Act to pay the fee provided in this section.

31 (4) A strict account shall be kept of all funds received by the

1 department. Funds received pursuant to subsections (1), (5), (6), and (8)
2 of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to
3 the Health and Human Services Cash Fund. Money credited to the fund
4 pursuant to this section shall be used for the purpose of administering
5 the laws relating to vital statistics and may be used to create a petty
6 cash fund administered by the department to facilitate the payment of
7 refunds to individuals who apply for copies or abstracts of records. The
8 petty cash fund shall be subject to section 81-104.01, except that the
9 amount in the petty cash fund shall not be less than twenty-five dollars
10 nor more than one thousand dollars.

11 (5) The department shall, upon request, conduct a search of death
12 certificates for stated individuals for the Nebraska Medical Association
13 or any of its allied medical societies or any inhospital staff committee
14 pursuant to sections 71-3401 to 71-3403. If such death certificate is
15 found, the department shall provide a noncertified copy. The department
16 shall charge a fee for each search or copy sufficient to cover its actual
17 direct costs, except that the fee shall not exceed three dollars per
18 individual search or copy requested.

19 (6) The department may permit use of data from vital records for
20 statistical or research purposes under section 71-602 or disclose data
21 from certificates or records to federal, state, county, or municipal
22 agencies of government for use in administration of their official duties
23 and charge and collect a fee that will recover the department's cost of
24 production of the data. The department may provide access to public vital
25 records for viewing purposes by electronic means, if available, under
26 security provisions which shall assure the integrity and security of the
27 records and database and shall charge and collect a fee that shall
28 recover the department's costs.

29 (7) In addition to the fees charged under subsection (1) of this
30 section, the department shall charge and collect an additional fee of one
31 dollar for any certified copy of the record of any birth or for any

1 search made at the applicant's request for access to or a certified copy
2 of any such record, whether or not the record is found on file with the
3 department. Any county containing a city of the metropolitan class which
4 has an established city-county or county health department pursuant to
5 sections 71-1626 to 71-1636 which has an established system of
6 registering births and deaths shall charge and collect in advance a fee
7 of one dollar for any certified copy of the record of any birth or for
8 any search made at the applicant's request for such record, whether or
9 not the record is found on file with the county. All fees collected under
10 this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to
11 the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund.

12 (8) The department shall not charge other state agencies the fees
13 authorized under subsections (1) and (7) of this section for automated
14 review of any certificates or abstracts of marriage. The department shall
15 charge and collect a fee from other state agencies for such automated
16 review that will recover the department's cost.

17 (9) The department shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of
18 a birth record if the applicant does not have a current Nebraska driver's
19 license or state identification card and indicates in the application
20 that the applicant needs a certified copy of the birth record to apply
21 for a state identification card for voting purposes.

22 Sec. 24. Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
23 and 25 of this act become operative on April 1, 2024. The other sections
24 of this act become operative on their effective date.

25 Sec. 25. Original sections 32-914, 32-941, 32-942, 32-943, 32-953,
26 and 32-957, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-318.01,
27 32-915, and 32-1027, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, are
28 repealed.

29 Sec. 26. Original sections 32-308, 60-4,119, 60-4,120, and 71-612,
30 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-101, 32-103,
31 32-202, and 60-4,115, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, are

1 repealed.

2 Sec. 27. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when

3 passed and approved according to law.