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Committee:

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-104,
2 32-239, 32-307, 32-315, 32-401, 32-603, 32-620, 32-621, 32-624,
3 32-628, 32-629, 32-704, 32-707, 32-912, 32-1032, 32-1037, 32-1119,
4 32-1122, and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
5 sections 32-101, 32-123, 32-202, 32-221, 32-231, 32-308, 32-312,
6 32-326, 32-405, 32-607, 32-613, 32-615, 32-617, 32-618, 32-630,
7 32-631, 32-632, 32-716, 32-717, 32-803, 32-809, 32-811, 32-1002,
8 32-1005, 32-1007, 32-1013, 32-1049, 32-1409, 32-1524, 32-1525, and
9 32-1546, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine
10 terms; to change provisions relating to voter registration, special
11 elections, petitions, political parties, write-in candidates,
12 ballots, counting watchers and observers, and counting and
13 recounting ballots; to provide forms for petitions; to eliminate
14 provisions relating to voter registration and political party
15 delegates; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to
16 repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 32-309 and
17 32-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an
18 emergency.
19 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 32-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 32-101 Sections 32-101 to 32-1552 and sections 18, 21, 24, 26, 28,
4 37, and 47 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Election
5 Act.

6 **Sec. 2.** Section 32-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 32-104 Candidate shall mean a registered voter for whom votes may be
9 cast at any election and who, either tacitly or expressly, consents to be
10 considered. Candidate shall not include a candidate for President or Vice
11 President of the United States or a candidate for delegate to a county,
12 state, or national political party convention.

13 **Sec. 3.** Section 32-123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
14 2024, is amended to read:

15 32-123 Valid photographic identification means:

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

19 (a) Shows the name of the individual to whom the document was
20 issued; and

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

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

28 (a) Shows the name of the individual to whom the document was
29 issued; and

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

1 (3) A hospital, an assisted-living facility, a nursing home, a
2 hospice, a provider agency for home or community-based developmental
3 disability services, or any other intermediate care facility record that:

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

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

8 **Sec. 4.** Section 32-202, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

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

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

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

18 (3) Enforce the Election Act;

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

21 (5) Provide periodic training for the agencies and their agents and
22 contractors in carrying out their duties under sections 32-308 and ~~to~~
23 32-310;

24 (6) Develop and print forms for use as required by sections 32-308,
25 32-310, 32-320, 32-329, 32-947, 32-956, and 32-958;

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

28 (8) Require reporting to ensure compliance with sections 32-308 and
29 ~~to~~ 32-310;

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

1 (10) Develop and print a manual describing the requirements of the
2 initiative and referendum process and distribute the manual to election
3 commissioners and county clerks for distribution to the public upon
4 request;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 valid photographic identification; and

2 (17) Not use or allow the use of citizenship information shared with
3 or collected by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Election Act for
4 any purpose other than maintenance of the voter registration list,
5 including law enforcement purposes.

6 **Sec. 5.** Section 32-221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
7 2024, is amended to read:

8 32-221 (1) The election commissioner shall appoint precinct and
9 district inspectors, judges of election, and clerks of election to assist
10 the election commissioner in conducting elections on election day. In
11 counties with a population of less than four hundred thousand inhabitants
12 as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, judges and
13 clerks of election and inspectors shall be appointed at least thirty days
14 prior to the statewide primary election, shall hold office for terms of
15 two years or until their successors are appointed and qualified for the
16 next statewide primary election, and shall serve at all elections in the
17 county during their terms of office. In counties with a population of
18 four hundred thousand or more inhabitants as determined by the most
19 recent federal decennial census, judges and clerks of election shall be
20 appointed at least thirty days prior to the first election for which
21 appointments are necessary and shall serve for at least four elections.

22 (2) Judges and clerks of election may be selected at random from a
23 cross section of the population of the county. All qualified citizens
24 shall have the opportunity to be considered for service. All qualified
25 citizens shall fulfill their obligation to serve as judges or clerks of
26 election as prescribed by the election commissioner. No citizen shall be
27 excluded from service as a result of discrimination based upon race,
28 color, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status. No citizen
29 shall be excluded from service unless excused by reason of ill health or
30 other good and sufficient reason.

31 (3) All persons appointed shall be of good repute and character, be

1 able to read and write the English language, and except as otherwise
2 provided in subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section 32-223, be
3 registered voters in the county. No candidate at an election shall be
4 appointed as a judge or clerk of election or inspector for such election
5 ~~other than a candidate for delegate to a county, state, or national~~
6 ~~political party convention.~~

7 (4) If a vacancy occurs in the office of judge or clerk of election
8 or inspector, the election commissioner shall fill such vacancy in
9 accordance with section 32-223. If any judge or clerk of election or
10 inspector fails to appear at the hour appointed for the opening of the
11 polls, the remaining officers shall notify the election commissioner,
12 select a registered voter to serve in place of the absent officer if so
13 directed by the election commissioner, and proceed to conduct the
14 election. If the election commissioner finds that a judge or clerk of
15 election or inspector does not possess all the qualifications prescribed
16 in this section or if any judge or clerk of election or inspector is
17 guilty of neglecting the duties of the office or of any official
18 misconduct, the election commissioner shall remove the person and fill
19 the vacancy.

20 **Sec. 6.** Section 32-231, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
21 2024, is amended to read:

22 32-231 (1) Each judge and clerk of election appointed pursuant to
23 section 32-230 shall (a) be of good repute and character and able to read
24 and write the English language, (b) reside in the precinct in which he or
25 she is to serve unless necessity demands that personnel be appointed from
26 another precinct, (c) be a registered voter except as otherwise provided
27 in subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section 32-230, and (d) serve for a
28 term of two years or until judges and clerks of election are appointed
29 for the next primary election. No candidate at an election shall be
30 eligible to serve as a judge or clerk of election at the same election
31 ~~other than a candidate for a delegate to a county, state, or national~~

1 ~~political party convention.~~

2 (2) The county clerk may appoint district inspectors to aid the
3 county clerk in the performance of his or her duties and supervise a
4 group of precincts on election day. A district inspector shall meet the
5 requirements for judges and clerks of election as provided in subsection
6 (1) of this section, shall oversee the procedures of a group of polling
7 places, and shall act as the personal agent and deputy of the county
8 clerk. The district inspector shall ensure that the Election Act is
9 uniformly enforced at the polling places assigned to him or her and
10 perform tasks assigned by the county clerk. The district inspector may
11 perform all of the duties required of a judge or clerk of election.

12 **Sec. 7.** Section 32-239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 32-239 All vacancies of judges and clerks of election appointed
15 pursuant to section 32-230 and district inspectors appointed pursuant to
16 subsection (2) of section 32-231 shall be filled as nearly as possible in
17 the manner in which the original appointments were made. At least fifteen
18 days prior to any election, the county clerk shall review the list of
19 district inspectors and the list of judges and clerks of election in the
20 precincts in which the election is to occur and fill any vacancies. When
21 a district inspector or judge or clerk of election is a candidate for an
22 office to be voted upon at the election, ~~except for a candidate for a~~
23 ~~delegate to a county, state, or national political party convention,~~ his
24 or her position as a district inspector, judge, or clerk shall be vacant.

25 **Sec. 8.** Section 32-307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 32-307 No materials advocating or advertising any political issue,
28 candidate, or party shall be displayed or distributed within fifty feet
29 of any voter registration site. No alcohol shall be served within fifty
30 feet of any voter registration site. The registration procedure shall be
31 conducted in a neutral manner and shall not be connected with anything

1 unrelated to the object of registering electors except as otherwise
2 provided in sections 32-308 and ~~to~~ 32-310.

3 **Sec. 9.** Section 32-308, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 32-308 (1) The Secretary of State and the Director of Motor Vehicles
6 shall enter into an agreement to match information in the computerized
7 statewide voter registration list with information in the database of the
8 Department of Motor Vehicles to the extent required to enable each such
9 official to verify the accuracy of the information, including
10 citizenship, provided on applications for voter registration. The
11 Director of Motor Vehicles shall enter into an agreement with the
12 Commissioner of Social Security under section 205(r)(8) of the federal
13 Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 405(r)(8), as such section existed on
14 April 17, 2003, for purposes of the Election Act.

15 (2) The Department of Motor Vehicles, with the assistance of the
16 Secretary of State, shall prescribe a voter registration application
17 which may be used to register to vote or change his or her address for
18 voting purposes at the same time an elector applies for an original or
19 renewal motor vehicle operator's license, an original or renewal state
20 identification card, or a replacement thereof. The voter registration
21 application shall contain the information required pursuant to section
22 32-312 and shall be designed so that it does not require the duplication
23 of information in the application for the motor vehicle operator's
24 license or state identification card, except that it may require a second
25 signature of the applicant. The department and the Secretary of State
26 shall make the voter registration application available to any person
27 applying for an operator's license or state identification card. The
28 application shall be completed at the office of the department by the
29 close of business on the third Friday preceding any election to be
30 registered to vote at such election. A registration application received
31 after the deadline shall not be processed by the election commissioner or

1 county clerk until after the election.

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

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

19 (5) For each voter registration application for which information is
20 transmitted electronically pursuant to this section, the Secretary of
21 State shall obtain a copy of the electronic representation of the
22 applicant's digital image and signature from the Department of Motor
23 Vehicles' records of his or her motor vehicle operator's license or state
24 identification card for purposes of voter registration and voting. Each
25 voter registration application electronically transmitted under this
26 section shall include information provided by the applicant that includes
27 whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States, whether the
28 applicant is of sufficient age to register to vote, the applicant's
29 residence address, the applicant's postal address if different from the
30 residence address, the date of birth of the applicant, the party
31 affiliation of the applicant or an indication that the applicant is not

1 affiliated with any political party, the applicant's motor vehicle
2 operator's license number, the applicant's previous registration location
3 by city, county, or state, if applicable, and the applicant's signature.

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

8 **Sec. 10.** Section 32-312, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 32-312 The registration application prescribed by the Secretary of
11 State pursuant to section 32-304 or 32-311.01 shall provide the
12 instructional statements and request the information from the applicant
13 as provided in this section.

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

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

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

23 NAME—the name of the applicant giving the first and last name in
24 full, the middle name in full or the middle initial, and the maiden name
25 of the applicant, if applicable.

26 RESIDENCE—the name and number of the street, avenue, or other
27 location of the dwelling where the applicant resides if there is a
28 number. If the registrant resides in a hotel, apartment, tenement house,
29 or institution, such additional information shall be included as will
30 give the exact location of such registrant's place of residence. If the
31 registrant lives in an incorporated or unincorporated area not identified

1 by the use of roads, road names, or house numbers, the registrant shall
2 state the section, township, and range of his or her residence and the
3 corporate name of the school district as described in section 79-405 in
4 which he or she is located.

5 POSTAL ADDRESS—the address at which the applicant receives mail if
6 different from the residence address.

7 ADDRESS OF LAST REGISTRATION—the name and number of the street,
8 avenue, or other location of the dwelling from which the applicant last
9 registered.

10 TELEPHONE NUMBERS—the telephone numbers of the applicant. At the
11 request of the applicant, a designation shall be made that a telephone
12 number is an unlisted number, and such designation shall preclude the
13 listing of such telephone number on any list of voter registrations.

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

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

22 DATE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION—the month, day, and year when
23 the applicant presented himself or herself for registration, when the
24 applicant completed and signed the registration application if the
25 application was submitted by mail or delivered to the election official
26 by the applicant's personal messenger or personal agent, or when the
27 completed application was submitted if the registration application was
28 completed pursuant to section 32-304.

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

31 DATE OF BIRTH—show the date of the applicant's birth. The applicant

1 shall be at least eighteen years of age or attain eighteen years of age
2 on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to have
3 the right to register and vote in any election in the present calendar
4 year.

5 REGISTRATION TAKEN BY—show the signature of the authorized official
6 or staff member accepting the application pursuant to section ~~32-309~~ or
7 32-310 or at least one of the deputy registrars taking the application
8 pursuant to section 32-306, if applicable.

9 PARTY AFFILIATION—show the party affiliation of the applicant as
10 Democratic, Republican, or Other or show no party affiliation as
11 Nonpartisan. (Note: If you wish to vote in both partisan and nonpartisan
12 primary elections for state and local offices, you must indicate a
13 political party affiliation on the registration application. If you
14 register without a political party affiliation (nonpartisan), you will
15 receive only the nonpartisan ballots for state and local offices at
16 primary elections. If you register without a political party affiliation,
17 you may vote in partisan primary elections for congressional offices.)

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

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

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

24 (1) I live in the State of Nebraska at the address provided in this
25 application;

26 (2) I have not been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, I have
27 completed my sentence for the felony, including any parole term;

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

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

31 Any registrant who signs this application knowing that any of the

1 information in the application is false shall be guilty of a Class IV
2 felony under section 32-1502 of the statutes of Nebraska. The penalty for
3 a Class IV felony is up to two years imprisonment and twelve months post-
4 release supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

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

7 **Sec. 11.** Section 32-315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:

9 32-315 Upon receiving a completed voter registration application
10 pursuant to section 32-308 ,~~32-309~~, or 32-310 indicating that a voter
11 who is registered in the county has changed his or her name or moved to
12 another residence within the same county, the election commissioner or
13 county clerk shall change the voter registration record of the registered
14 voter to the new name or new address and shall send an acknowledgment
15 card to the registered voter indicating that the change of registration
16 has been completed and the address of the voter's new polling place.

17 **Sec. 12.** Section 32-326, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 32-326 (1) The election commissioner or county clerk shall remove
20 the name of a registered voter from the voter registration register and
21 cancel the registration of such voter if:

22 (a) ~~(1)~~ The election commissioner or county clerk has received
23 information that the voter is deceased;

24 (b) ~~(2)~~ The voter requests in writing that his or her name be
25 removed;

26 (c) ~~(3)~~ The election commissioner or county clerk has received
27 information that the voter has moved from the address at which he or she
28 is registered to vote from the National Change of Address program of the
29 United States Postal Service pursuant to section 32-329 and the voter has
30 not responded to a confirmation notice sent pursuant to section 32-329
31 and has not voted or offered to vote at any election held prior to and

1 including the second statewide federal general election following the
2 mailing of the confirmation notice;

3 (d) ~~(4)~~ The election commissioner or county clerk has received
4 information that the registrant has moved out of the state and has
5 registered to vote or voted in another territory or state pursuant to
6 section 32-314;

7 (e) ~~(5)~~ The election commissioner or county clerk has received
8 information from the Department of Motor Vehicles that the registrant has
9 changed the registrant's state of residence by surrendering the
10 registrant's Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state
11 identification card to another state; or

12 (f) ~~(6)~~ The voter has become ineligible to vote as provided in
13 section 32-313.

14 (2) Upon receipt of a request under subdivision (1)(b) of this
15 section, the election commissioner or county clerk shall notify the voter
16 and indicate that the voter's registration has been canceled.

17 **Sec. 13.** Section 32-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 32-401 The statewide primary election shall be held on the first
20 Tuesday after the second Monday in May in even-numbered years. The
21 statewide primary election shall be held for the purposes of (1)
22 nominating all candidates to be voted for at the statewide general
23 election except (a) candidates who were unopposed at the primary election
24 and not required to be on the ballot and (b) candidates who petition on
25 the ballot or are nominated by their political party, (2) ~~electing~~
26 ~~delegates to the county, state, and national political party conventions,~~
27 ~~if applicable,~~ ~~(3)~~ in each presidential election year, voting on a
28 preference for President of the United States, and (3) ~~(4)~~ electing
29 officers in political subdivisions which hold their general elections at
30 the time of the statewide primary election.

31 **Sec. 14.** Section 32-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

1 2024, is amended to read:

2 32-405 (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided:

3 (a) Any special election under the Election Act shall be held on the
4 first Tuesday following the second Monday of the selected month, except
5 that if such day falls upon a legal holiday, the election shall be held
6 on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of the selected month;
7 ~~and unless otherwise specifically provided. Except as otherwise~~
8 ~~specifically provided,~~

9 (b) No ~~no~~ special election shall be held under the Election Act in
10 March, April, May, June, October, November, or December of an even-
11 numbered year unless it is held in conjunction with the statewide primary
12 or general election. No special election shall be held under the Election
13 Act in August or September of an even-numbered year except as provided in
14 section 32-564 and except for a special election by a political
15 subdivision pursuant to section 13-519 to exceed an applicable allowable
16 growth percentage or section 77-3444 to exceed a property tax levy limit
17 ~~in section 77-3442 or 77-3444 to approve a property tax levy or exceed a~~
18 ~~property tax levy limitation.~~

19 (2) A special election for a Class I, II, III, IV, or V school
20 district which is located in whole or in part in a county in which a city
21 of the primary or metropolitan class is located may be held in
22 conjunction with the primary or general election for a city of the
23 primary or metropolitan class which is governed by a home rule charter.

24 **Sec. 15.** Section 32-603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
25 amended to read:

26 32-603 (1) No candidate for member of the Legislature or an elective
27 office described in Article IV, section 1 or 20, or Article VII, section
28 3 or 10, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall be eligible to file as a
29 candidate, to petition on the ballot as a candidate, to accept a
30 nomination by a political party or by party convention, caucus, or
31 committee to fill a vacancy, or to be a declared write-in candidate for

1 more than one elective office to be filled at the same election ~~except~~
2 ~~for the position of delegate to a county, state, or national political~~
3 ~~party convention~~. No candidate for any other high elective office as
4 defined in subsection (6) of section 32-604 shall be eligible to file as
5 a candidate, to petition on the ballot as a candidate, to accept a
6 nomination by a political party or by party convention, caucus, or
7 committee to fill a vacancy, or to be a declared write-in candidate for
8 more than one high elective office to be filled at the same election. Any
9 such person who has filed for a high elective office shall withdraw such
10 filing prior to filing for any other elective office to be filled at the
11 same election ~~except for the position of delegate to a county, state, or~~
12 ~~national political party convention~~. Any such person who has won a
13 nomination in a primary election and who is nominated to any additional
14 offices by a write-in vote or by a political party convention or
15 committee shall decline one of the nominations pursuant to section 32-623
16 and shall do so within seven days after receiving any subsequent
17 nomination. If the candidate fails to take such action, any subsequent
18 nomination shall be declared void. Any filing made in violation of this
19 section shall be void, and the Secretary of State, election commissioner,
20 or county clerk shall not place the name of any person on the ballot for
21 any office for which such person filed in violation of this section.

22 (2) If a filing officer determines that a candidate has filed for
23 more than one office in violation of subsection (1) of this section, the
24 filing officer shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
25 State shall determine the order of the filings and notify the candidate
26 that the subsequent filing is invalid, and the candidate's name shall not
27 be printed on the ballot for such office. The Secretary of State shall
28 notify the filing officers of the counties involved of the action taken
29 on such subsequent filing.

30 (3) When the name of a candidate appears on the ballot for more than
31 one office during an election in violation of subsection (1) of this

1 section, the filing officer when possible shall correct the error by
2 removing the candidate's name from the ballot and reprinting corrected
3 ballots. When it is not possible to print a corrected set of ballots in
4 time for the election, all votes cast for such candidate as a candidate
5 for the subsequent office appearing on the ballot shall not be counted,
6 and no certificate of nomination or election shall be issued to such
7 candidate for such subsequent office.

8 **Sec. 16.** Section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 32-607 (1)(a) All candidate filing forms shall contain the following
11 statement: I hereby swear that I will abide by the laws of the State of
12 Nebraska regarding the results of the primary and general elections, that
13 I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will
14 serve if elected. Candidate filing forms shall also contain the following
15 information regarding the candidate: Name, as provided under subdivision
16 (b) of this subsection; residence address; mailing address if different
17 from the residence address; telephone number; office sought; party
18 affiliation if the office sought is a partisan office; a statement as to
19 whether or not civil penalties are owed pursuant to the Nebraska
20 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; and, if civil penalties are
21 owed, whether or not a surety bond has been filed pursuant to subdivision
22 (4)(b) of section 32-602. An email address shall also be included on the
23 filing form as an optional field.

24 (b) The name contained on a candidate filing form shall be the name
25 by which the candidate is generally known in the community and by which
26 the candidate is distinguished from others and shall not contain titles,
27 characterizations, or designations.

28 (2) Candidate filing forms shall be filed with the following filing
29 officers:

30 (a) For candidates for national, state, or congressional office,
31 directors of public power and irrigation districts, directors of

1 reclamation districts, directors of natural resources districts,
2 directors of metropolitan utilities districts, members of the boards of
3 educational service units, members of governing boards of community
4 colleges, ~~delegates to national conventions,~~ and other offices filled by
5 election held in more than one county and judges desiring retention, in
6 the office of the Secretary of State;

7 (b) For officers elected within a county, in the office of the
8 election commissioner or county clerk;

9 (c) For officers in school districts which include land in adjoining
10 counties, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk of
11 the county in which the greatest number of registered voters entitled to
12 vote for the officers reside; and

13 (d) For city or village officers, in the office of the election
14 commissioner or county clerk.

15 (3) Objections to the name of a candidate submitted on a candidate
16 filing form may be made and passed upon in the same manner as objections
17 to a candidate filing form pursuant to section 32-624.

18 **Sec. 17.** Section 32-613, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
19 2024, is amended to read:

20 32-613 Any petition to place a person's name on the primary election
21 ballot for President of the United States shall contain the names of not
22 less than one hundred voters registered with the appropriate political
23 party from each congressional district of the state, except that if the
24 political party dissolves as provided in subsection (2) of section
25 32-720, the Secretary of State shall not accept a petition under this
26 section. The name of the candidate for President shall be placed upon the
27 ballot only when written consent of such person has been filed with the
28 Secretary of State not less than sixty days before the primary election.
29 The form of the petition shall comply with the requirements of section
30 32-628 and section 18 of this act and shall as nearly as possible conform
31 to the form prescribed by the Secretary of State. All signed petitions

1 not filed with the Secretary of State shall become invalid if not filed
2 not less than sixty days before the primary election not filed by August
3 1 of the presidential election year.

4 **Sec. 18.** In addition to the requirements of section 32-613, the
5 form of a petition for partisan candidates for President of the United
6 States shall be substantially as follows:

7 Petition for Office of President of the United States

8 Name of Candidate:

9 Residence Address:

10 City, State, and Zip Code:

11 Party Affiliation:

12 To the Honorable, Secretary of State for the State of
13 Nebraska:

14 We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nebraska and the
15 county of, respectfully demand that the above-named
16 candidate be placed on the ballot at the primary election to be held on
17 the day of 20...., and each for himself or herself says:

18 I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name;

19 I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and the county
20 of and am qualified to sign this petition and am affiliated
21 with the appropriate political party or I will be so registered,
22 qualified, and affiliated on or before the date on which this petition is
23 filed with the Secretary of State; and

24 My printed name, date of birth, street and number or voting
25 precinct, and city, village, or post office address are correctly written
26 after my signature.

27 (Here follow numbered lines for signature, printed name, date of
28 birth, date, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or
29 post office address.)

30 **Sec. 19.** Section 32-615, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
31 2024, is amended to read:

1 32-615 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
2 section, any candidate engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign shall
3 file a notarized affidavit of his or her intent together with the receipt
4 for any filing fee with the filing officer as provided in section 32-608
5 no earlier than January 5 and no later than the second Friday prior to
6 the election.

7 (2) For any county office elected pursuant to sections 32-517 to
8 32-529 which is subject to subdivision (1)(b) of section 32-811, a
9 candidate may engage in or pursue a write-in campaign if he or she files
10 a notarized affidavit of his or her intent together with the receipt for
11 the filing fee with the filing officer as provided in section 32-608 on
12 or before March 3 of the year of the statewide primary election. If such
13 an affidavit is filed as prescribed, the election commissioner or county
14 clerk shall place that county office on the statewide primary election
15 ballot with the names of the candidate properly filed for the nomination
16 of the applicable political party and a line for write-in candidates.

17 (3) A candidate submitting an affidavit under this section for a
18 partisan office on the statewide primary election ballot shall be a
19 registered voter of the political party named in the affidavit unless the
20 political party allows candidates not affiliated with the party by not
21 adopting a rule under section 32-702.

22 (4) A candidate who has been defeated as a candidate in the primary
23 election or defeated as a write-in candidate in the primary election
24 shall not be eligible as a write-in candidate for the same office in the
25 general election unless (a) a vacancy on the ballot exists pursuant to
26 section 32-625 or (b) the candidate was a candidate for an office
27 described in sections 32-512 to 32-550 and the candidate lost the
28 election as a result of a determination pursuant to section 32-1122 in
29 the case of a tie vote.

30 (5) A candidate who files a notarized affidavit shall be entitled to
31 all write-in votes for the candidate even if only the last name of the

1 candidate has been written if such last name is reasonably close to the
2 proper spelling.

3 (6) If any candidate who has filed pursuant to this section notifies
4 the filing officer in writing duly acknowledged by the second Friday
5 prior to the election that the candidate declines to be a write-in
6 candidate, the notarized affidavit shall be considered withdrawn and no
7 votes shall be counted for the withdrawn candidate under sections 32-1005
8 to 32-1008.

9 **Sec. 20.** Section 32-617, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
10 2024, is amended to read:

11 32-617 (1) Petitions for nomination for partisan and nonpartisan
12 offices shall conform to the requirements of section 32-628 and section
13 21 of this act. Petitions shall state the office to be filled and the
14 name and address of the candidate. ~~Petitions for partisan office shall~~
15 ~~also indicate the party affiliation of the candidate.~~ A sample copy of
16 the petition shall be filed with the filing officer prior to circulation.
17 Petitions shall be signed by registered voters residing in the district
18 or political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected and shall
19 be filed with the filing officer in the same manner as provided for
20 candidate filing forms in section 32-607. Petition signers and petition
21 circulators shall conform to the requirements of sections 32-629 and
22 32-630. No petition for nomination shall be filed unless there is
23 attached thereto a receipt showing the payment of the filing fee required
24 pursuant to section 32-608. Except as provided in section 32-621, such
25 ~~Such~~ petitions shall be filed by August 1 in the year of the general
26 election for partisan offices and September 1 in the year of the general
27 election for nonpartisan offices, and all signed petitions not filed with
28 the filing officer ~~Secretary of State~~ by such date shall become invalid.

29 (2) The filing officer shall verify the signatures according to
30 section 32-631. Within three days after the signatures on a petition for
31 nomination have been verified pursuant to such section and the filing

1 officer has determined that pursuant to section 32-618 a sufficient
2 number of registered voters signed the petitions, the filing officer
3 shall notify the candidate so nominated by registered or certified mail
4 or electronic mail, and the candidate shall, within five days after the
5 date of receiving such notification, file with such officer his or her
6 acceptance of the nomination or his or her name will not be printed on
7 the ballot.

8 (3) A candidate placed on the ballot by petition shall be termed a
9 candidate by petition. The words BY PETITION shall be printed upon the
10 ballot after the name of each candidate by petition.

11 **Sec. 21.** In addition to the requirements of sections 32-617 and
12 32-619, if the Secretary of State is the filing officer for a petition
13 for nomination for partisan and nonpartisan office, the form of the
14 petition shall be substantially as follows:

15 Petition for Office for General Election

16 Name of Candidate:

17 Residence Address:

18 City, State, and Zip Code:

19 Name of Office:

20 District (if applicable):

21 Party Affiliation (if applicable):

22 To the Honorable, Secretary of State for the State of
23 Nebraska:

24 We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nebraska and the
25 county of, respectfully demand that the above-named
26 candidate be placed on the ballot at the general election to be held on
27 the day of 20...., and each for himself or herself says:

28 I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name;

29 I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and the county
30 of and am qualified to sign this petition or I will be so
31 registered and qualified on or before the date on which this petition is

1 filed with the Secretary of State; and
2 My printed name, date of birth, street and number or voting
3 precinct, and city, village, or post office address are correctly written
4 after my signature.

5 (Here follow numbered lines for signature, printed name, date of
6 birth, date, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or
7 post office address.)

8 **Sec. 22.** Section 32-618, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 32-618 (1) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to
11 place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisan ballot for the general
12 election shall be as follows:

13 (a) For each nonpartisan office other than members of the Board of
14 Regents of the University of Nebraska and board members of a Class I, II,
15 or III school district, at least ten percent of the total number of
16 registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United States
17 at the immediately preceding general election in the district or
18 political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected, not to
19 exceed two thousand;

20 (b) For members of the Board of Regents of the University of
21 Nebraska, at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters
22 voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately
23 preceding general election in the regent district in which the officer is
24 to be elected, not to exceed one thousand; and

25 (c) For board members of a Class I, II, or III school district, at
26 least twenty percent of the total number of votes cast for the board
27 member receiving the highest number of votes at the immediately preceding
28 general election in the school district.

29 (2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place
30 the name of a candidate for an office upon the partisan ballot for the
31 general election shall be as follows:

1 (a) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters
2 of the entire state, at least four thousand, and at least seven hundred
3 fifty signatures shall be obtained in each congressional district in the
4 state;

5 (b) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters
6 of a county, at least twenty percent of the total number of registered
7 voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the
8 immediately preceding general election within the county, not to exceed
9 two thousand, except that the number of signatures shall not be required
10 to exceed twenty-five percent of the total number of registered voters
11 voting for the office at the immediately preceding general election; and

12 (c) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters
13 of a political subdivision other than a county, at least twenty percent
14 of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President
15 of the United States at the immediately preceding general election within
16 the political subdivision, not to exceed two thousand.

17 (3) If the filing officer verifies signatures in excess of one
18 hundred ten percent of the number necessary to place the candidate upon
19 the ballot, the filing officer may stop verifying signatures and consider
20 the petition sufficient and valid.

21 **Sec. 23.** Section 32-620, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
22 amended to read:

23 32-620 (1) Partisan candidates for the offices of President and Vice
24 President of the United States on the general election ballot shall be
25 certified to the Governor and Secretary of State by the national
26 nominating convention as provided by law.

27 (2) Candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of
28 the United States of newly established political parties may obtain
29 general election ballot position by filing with the Secretary of State an
30 application containing:

31 (a) The name or names to be printed on the ballot;

1 (b) The name of the political party;

2 (c) The written consent of the designated vice-presidential
3 candidate to have his or her name printed on the ballot; and

4 (d) The names and addresses of the persons who will represent the
5 applicant as presidential elector candidates together with the written
6 consent of such persons to become candidates.

7 (3) Candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of
8 the United States of nonpartisan status may obtain general election
9 ballot position by filing with the Secretary of State:

10 (a) An application containing:

11 (i) The name or names to be printed on the ballot;

12 (ii) The status of the candidacy as nonpartisan;

13 (iii) The written consent of the designated vice-presidential
14 candidate to have his or her name printed on the ballot; and

15 (iv) The names and addresses of the persons who will represent the
16 applicant as presidential elector candidates together with the written
17 consent of such persons to become candidates; and

18 (b) A petition signed by not less than two thousand five hundred
19 registered voters. Such petitions shall conform to the requirements of
20 section 32-628 and section 24 of this act and shall be filed with the
21 Secretary of State by August 1 in the year of the presidential general
22 election.

23 (4) If a presidential candidate who obtained ballot placement
24 pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section files an affidavit with
25 the Secretary of State stating that the candidate declines ballot
26 placement at least sixty days before the general election, the name shall
27 not be printed on the general election ballot.

28 **Sec. 24.** In addition to the requirements of subsection (3) of
29 section 32-620, the form of a petition for nonpartisan candidates for
30 President of the United States shall be substantially as follows:

31 Petition for Office of President of United States

1 Name of Candidate:

2 Residence Address:

3 City, State, and Zip Code:

4 To the Honorable, Secretary of State for the State of
5 Nebraska:

6 We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nebraska and the
7 county of, respectfully demand that the above-named
8 candidate be placed on the ballot at the general election to be held on
9 the day of 20..., and each for himself or herself says:

10 I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name;

11 I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and the county
12 of and am qualified to sign this petition or I will be so
13 registered and qualified on or before the date on which this petition is
14 filed with the Secretary of State; and

15 My printed name, date of birth, street and number or voting
16 precinct, and city, village, or post office address are correctly written
17 after my signature.

18 (Here follow numbered lines for signature, printed name, date of
19 birth, date, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or
20 post office address.)

21 **Sec. 25.** Section 32-621, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
22 amended to read:

23 32-621 When a new political party has been properly established
24 under section 32-716 prior to the general election and after the primary
25 election of the same year, all candidates except candidates for President
26 or Vice President of the United States shall pay the filing fee as
27 provided in section 32-608, file a candidate filing form with the filing
28 officer as provided in section 32-607 no later than September 1 prior to
29 the general election accompanied by a petition of nomination containing
30 the names of not less than twenty-five registered voters of the political
31 party obtained from the appropriate jurisdiction, and comply with the

1 Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The petition of
2 nomination shall conform to the requirements of section 32-628 and
3 section 21 of this act. If the filing officer verifies signatures in
4 excess of one hundred ten percent of the number necessary to place the
5 candidate upon the ballot, the filing officer may stop verifying
6 signatures and consider the petition sufficient and valid.

7 **Sec. 26.** If two or more candidates with identical first and last
8 names file for the same office in a primary, general, or special
9 election, the filing officer shall notify the candidates within five days
10 after the nonincumbent filing deadline for that office and specify that
11 the candidates' names will be differentiated on the ballot. Notification
12 shall be made by any method specified in section 25-505.01. If an
13 incumbent of that office is one of the notified candidates, the incumbent
14 may choose a varying combination of first and middle names and initials
15 by which to distinguish the candidate or to have the candidate's city of
16 residence printed beside the candidate's name. If the incumbent does not
17 make a choice within five days after notification or if none of the
18 candidates are an incumbent of that office, the filing officer shall
19 designate the names by which the candidates will be identified on the
20 ballot. The filing officer shall use a varying combination of first and
21 middle names and initials or include the city of residence of each
22 candidate.

23 **Sec. 27.** Section 32-624, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 32-624 (1) A candidate filing form filed for the primary or general
26 election pursuant to section which appears to conform with sections
27 32-606 and 32-607 shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are made
28 in writing within seven days after the filing deadline. If an objection
29 is made, notice shall be mailed to all candidates who may be affected
30 thereby. Any political party committee may institute actions in court
31 based upon fraud or crime resorted to in connection with the candidate

1 filing forms or the acceptance of a nomination. No county committee shall
2 have the authority to bring such action as to candidates for
3 congressional or state office or as to candidates to be elected from
4 legislative districts composed of more than one county. A state political
5 party committee may institute actions to determine the legality of any
6 candidate for a state or congressional office or for any district office
7 if the district composes more than one county. Objections to the use of
8 the name of a political party may also be made and passed upon in the
9 same manner as objections to a candidate filing form or other acceptance
10 of nomination.

11 (2) The filing officer with whom the candidate filing form was filed
12 shall determine the validity of such objection, and his or her decision
13 shall be final unless an order is made in the matter by a judge of the
14 county court, district court, Court of Appeals, or Supreme Court on or
15 before the fifty-fifth day preceding the election. Such order may be made
16 summarily upon application of any political party committee or other
17 interested party and upon such notice as the court ~~or judge~~ may require.
18 The ~~decision of the Secretary of State or the order of the~~ court judge
19 shall be binding on all filing officers.

20 **Sec. 28.** (1) A candidate filing form filed for a special election
21 pursuant to section 32-606.01 shall be deemed to be valid unless
22 objections are made in writing within three business days after the
23 filing deadline. If an objection is made, notice shall be mailed to all
24 candidates who may be affected thereby.

25 (2) The filing officer with whom the candidate filing form was filed
26 shall determine the validity of such objection, and the filing officer's
27 decision shall be final unless an order is made in the matter by a judge
28 of the county court, district court, Court of Appeals, or Supreme Court
29 no later than the fourth Friday before the election. Such order may be
30 made summarily upon application of any interested party and upon such
31 notice as the court may require. The order of the court shall be binding

1 on all filing officers.

2 **Sec. 29.** Section 32-628, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 32-628 (1) All petitions prepared or filed pursuant to the Election
5 Act or any petition which requires the Secretary of State, election
6 commissioner, or county clerk to verify signatures by utilizing the voter
7 registration register shall provide a space at least two and one-half
8 inches long for written signatures, a space at least two inches long for
9 printed names, and sufficient space for date of birth and street name and
10 number, city or village, and zip code. Lines on each petition shall not
11 be less than one-fourth inch apart. Petitions may be designed in such a
12 manner that lines for signatures and other information run the length of
13 the page rather than the width. Petitions shall provide for no more than
14 twenty signatures per page.

15 (2) For the purpose of preventing fraud, deception, and
16 misrepresentation, every sheet of every petition containing signatures
17 shall have upon it, above the signatures, the statements contained in
18 this subsection, except that a petition for recall of an elected official
19 shall also have the additional information specified in subsection (2) of
20 section 32-1304. The statements shall be printed in boldface type in
21 substantially the following form:

22 WARNING TO PETITION SIGNERS—VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
23 PROVISIONS OF LAW MAY RESULT IN THE FILING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES: Any
24 person who signs any name other than his or her own to any petition or
25 who is not qualified to sign the petition shall be guilty of a Class I
26 misdemeanor. Any person who falsely swears to a circulator's affidavit on
27 a petition, who accepts money or other things of value for signing a
28 petition, or who offers money or other things of value in exchange for a
29 signature upon any petition shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

30 (3) Every sheet of a petition which contains signatures shall have
31 upon it, below the signatures, an affidavit as provided in this

1 subsection, except that the affidavit for a petition for recall of an
2 elected official shall also include the additional language specified in
3 subsection (3) of section 32-1304. The affidavit shall be in
4 substantially the following form:

5 STATE OF NEBRASKA)

6)ss.

7 COUNTY OF)

8 , (name of circulator) being first duly
9 sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the circulator of this petition
10 containing signatures, that he or she is at least eighteen
11 years of age, that each person whose name appears on the petition
12 personally signed the petition in the presence of the affiant, that the
13 date to the left of each signature is the correct date on which the
14 signature was affixed to the petition and that the date was personally
15 affixed by the person signing such petition, that the affiant believes
16 that each signer has written his or her name, street and number or voting
17 precinct, and city, village, or post office address correctly, that the
18 affiant believes that each signer was qualified to sign the petition, and
19 that the affiant stated to each signer the object of the petition as
20 printed on the petition before he or she affixed his or her signature to
21 the petition.

22 Circulator

23 Address

24 Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this day
25 of 20.... at, Nebraska.

26 Notary Public

27 (4) Each sheet of a petition shall have upon its face and in plain
28 view of persons who sign the petition a statement in letters not smaller
29 than sixteen-point type in red print on the petition. If the petition is
30 circulated by a paid circulator, the statement shall be as follows: This
31 petition is circulated by a paid circulator. If the petition is

1 circulated by a circulator who is not being paid, the statement shall be
2 as follows: This petition is circulated by a volunteer circulator.

3 **Sec. 30.** Section 32-629, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 32-629 For any petition prepared or filed pursuant to the Election
6 Act:

7 (1) Each petition signer shall be a registered voter and qualified
8 to sign a petition at the time of signing a petition, except that a
9 signer of a petition for President of the United States, a candidate
10 petition, a new political party petition, or an initiative or referendum
11 petition under sections 32-1401 to 32-1409 shall be a registered voter of
12 the State of Nebraska on or before the date on which the petition is
13 filed with the filing officer; and ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~
14 section ~~32-1404~~ for initiative and referendum petitions, only a
15 registered voter of the State of Nebraska shall qualify as a valid signer
16 of a petition and may sign petitions under the Election Act.

17 (2) Only a person who is at least eighteen years of age shall
18 qualify as a valid circulator of a petition and may circulate petitions
19 under the Election Act. ~~Petition circulators shall comply with section~~
20 32-630.

21 **Sec. 31.** Section 32-630, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
22 2024, is amended to read:

23 32-630 (1) Each person who signs a petition shall, at the time of
24 and in addition to signing, personally affix the date, print his or her
25 last name and first name in full, and affix his or her date of birth and
26 address, including the street and number or a designation of a rural
27 route or voting precinct and the city or village or a post office
28 address. A person signing a petition may use his or her initials in place
29 of his or her first name if such person is registered to vote under such
30 initials.

31 (2) Each circulator of a petition shall personally witness the

1 signatures on the petition and shall sign the circulator's affidavit.

2 (3) No person shall:

3 (a) Sign any name other than his or her own to any petition;

4 (b) Knowingly sign his or her name more than once for the same
5 petition effort or measure;

6 (c) Sign a petition if he or she is not a registered voter and
7 qualified to sign the same except as provided in subdivision (1) of
8 section 32-629 ~~32-1404~~;

9 (d) Falsely swear to any signature upon any such petition;

10 (e) Accept money or other thing of value for signing any petition;
11 or

12 (f) Offer money or other thing of value in exchange for a signature
13 upon any petition.

14 **Sec. 32.** Section 32-631, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
15 2024, is amended to read:

16 32-631 (1) Any petition prepared or filed pursuant to the Election
17 Act shall be filed as one instrument, and no additional petition papers
18 may be submitted after filing. All petitions that are filed with the
19 Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk for signature
20 verification shall be retained in the ~~election~~ office and shall be open
21 to public inspection. Upon receipt of the pages of a petition, the
22 Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk shall issue a
23 written receipt indicating the number of pages of the petition in his or
24 her custody to the person filing the petition for signature verification.
25 Petitions may be destroyed twenty-two months after the election to which
26 they apply.

27 (2) The Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk
28 shall determine the validity and sufficiency of such petition by
29 comparing the names, dates of birth if applicable, and addresses of the
30 signers with the voter registration records to determine if the signers
31 were registered voters pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 32-629 ~~on~~

1 ~~the date of signing the petition.~~ If it is determined that a signer has
2 affixed his or her signature more than once to any petition and that only
3 one person is registered by that name, the Secretary of State, election
4 commissioner, or county clerk shall strike from the pages of the petition
5 all but one such signature. Only one of the duplicate signatures shall be
6 added to the total number of valid signatures. All signatures, dates of
7 birth, and addresses shall be presumed to be valid if the election
8 commissioner or county clerk has found the signers to be registered
9 voters on or before the date on which the petition was signed. This
10 presumption shall not be conclusive and may be rebutted by any credible
11 evidence which the Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county
12 clerk finds sufficient.

13 (3) If the Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county
14 clerk verifies signatures in excess of one hundred ten percent of the
15 number necessary for the issue to be placed on the ballot, the Secretary
16 of State, election commissioner, or county clerk may cease verifying
17 signatures and certify the number of signatures verified to the person
18 who delivered the petitions for verification.

19 (4) If the number of signatures verified does not equal or exceed
20 the number necessary to place the issue on the ballot upon completion of
21 the comparison of names and addresses with the voter registration
22 records, the Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk
23 shall prepare in writing a certification under seal setting forth the
24 name and address of each signer found not to be a registered voter and
25 the petition page number and line number where the signature is found. If
26 the signature or address is challenged for a reason other than the
27 nonregistration of the signer, the Secretary of State, election
28 commissioner, or county clerk shall set forth the reasons for the
29 challenge of the signature.

30 (5) The Secretary of State may purchase, lease, lease-purchase,
31 rent, or contract for software that assists in processing a filed

1 petition.

2 **Sec. 33.** Section 32-632, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 32-632 (1) Any person may remove his or her name from a petition by
5 signing and delivering a written letter to the Secretary of State,
6 election commissioner, or county clerk. Name removal letters shall be
7 filed with the following officers:

8 (a) For initiative and referendum petitions, new political party
9 petitions, and petitions for President of the United States, with the
10 Secretary of State;

11 (b) For candidate petitions, with the filing officer prescribed in
12 section 32-607;

13 (c) For recall petitions, with the filing officer prescribed in
14 section 32-1301; and

15 (d) For all other petitions, with the applicable election
16 commissioner, county clerk, or city clerk.

17 (2) The name removal letter shall be delivered to and received by
18 the officer prescribed in subsection (1) of this section by the following
19 deadlines:

20 (a) For initiative and referendum petitions, by the deadline for
21 filing petitions pursuant to section 32-1407;

22 (b) For new political party petitions, prior to or on the day the
23 petition is filed for verification with the Secretary of State;

24 (c) For petitions for President of the United States, prior to or on
25 the day the petition is filed for verification with the Secretary of
26 State by the deadline for filing petitions pursuant to section 32-613 for
27 the primary election or pursuant to section 32-620 for the general
28 election;

29 (d) For candidate petitions, prior to or on the day the petition is
30 filed for verification with the filing officer by the deadline for filing
31 petitions pursuant to section 32-617;

1 (e) For recall petitions, by the deadline for filing petitions
2 prescribed by section 32-1305; and

3 (f) For all other petitions, prior to or on the day the petition is
4 filed for verification with the election commissioner, county clerk, or
5 city clerk.

6 (3) The Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk
7 shall verify the signature in the letter with the signature appearing in
8 the voter registration records.

9 **Sec. 34.** Section 32-704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 32-704 Any person seeking to be elected as a delegate or alternate
12 delegate to the national convention of a political party shall submit a
13 filing form under this section regardless of the method of election used
14 by the political party. The filing form for nomination of a candidate for
15 election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention
16 of a political party shall (1) contain a statement of commitment to a
17 candidate for the office of President of the United States or that he or
18 she is uncommitted, (2) include a pledge swearing to support the
19 candidate for President of the United States to which the candidate for
20 delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention is committed
21 until (a) such candidate receives less than thirty-five percent of the
22 votes for nomination by such convention or releases the delegate from
23 such commitment or (b) two convention nominating ballots have been taken,
24 and (3) be filed with the political party ~~Secretary of State~~. No filing
25 form for nomination shall be accepted unless signed by the candidate. ~~The~~
26 ~~Secretary of State shall prescribe the filing form for nomination.~~

27 **Sec. 35.** Section 32-707, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
28 amended to read:

29 32-707 (1) A political party may conduct county conventions at an
30 hour and place to be designated by a political party. The political party
31 shall cause to be published, at least seven days prior to the date of the

1 county convention, an official notice of the date, time, and place of the
2 convention. ~~The political party may elect to have delegates to the county~~
3 ~~convention register with the election commissioner or county clerk.~~

4 (2) ~~If a political party elects to have delegates to the county~~
5 ~~convention register with the election commissioner or county clerk, such~~
6 ~~delegates shall register with the election commissioner or county clerk~~
7 ~~on or before March 1 of each year in which the political party conducts a~~
8 ~~county convention. The election commissioner or county clerk shall~~
9 ~~deliver to the state chairperson of a political party the roll, properly~~
10 ~~certified, showing the name, address, and precinct of each delegate~~
11 ~~registered for such convention, no later than March 15 of each~~
12 ~~presidential election year. If there is not a full quota of delegates for~~
13 ~~the county convention as established by the political party, the~~
14 ~~delegates at the county convention may select delegates to fill the quota~~
15 ~~from the registered voters affiliated with the political party in the~~
16 ~~county.~~

17 **Sec. 36.** Section 32-716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 32-716 (1) Any person, group, or association desiring to form a new
20 political party shall present to the Secretary of State petitions
21 containing signatures totaling not less than one percent of the total
22 votes cast for Governor at the most recent general election for such
23 office. The signatures of registered voters on such petitions shall be so
24 distributed as to include registered voters totaling at least one percent
25 of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election
26 in each of the three congressional districts in this state. Petition
27 signers and petition circulators shall conform to the requirements of
28 sections 32-629 and 32-630. The petitions shall be filed with the
29 Secretary of State no later than January 15 before any statewide primary
30 election for the new political party to be entitled to have ballot
31 position in the primary election of that year. If the new political party

1 desires to be established and have ballot position for the general
 2 election and not in the primary election of that year, the petitions
 3 shall be filed with the Secretary of State on or before July 15 of that
 4 year. Prior to the circulation of petitions to form a new political
 5 party, a sample copy of the petitions shall be filed with the Secretary
 6 of State by the person, group, or association seeking to establish the
 7 new party. The sample petition shall be accompanied by the name and
 8 address of the person or the names and addresses of the members of the
 9 group or association sponsoring the petition to form a new political
 10 party. Sponsors of the petition may be added or removed with the
 11 unanimous written consent of the original sponsor or sponsors at any time
 12 prior to or on the day the petition is filed for verification with the
 13 Secretary of State. The sponsor or sponsors of the petition shall file,
 14 as one instrument, all petition papers comprising a new political party
 15 petition for signature verification with the Secretary of State. All
 16 signed petitions in circulation but not filed with the Secretary of State
 17 shall become invalid after July 15 in the year of the statewide general
 18 election.

19 (2) The petition shall conform to the requirements of section 32-628
 20 and section 37 of this act. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the
 21 form of the petition for the formation of a new political party. The
 22 petition shall be addressed to and filed with the Secretary of State and
 23 shall state its purpose and the name of the party to be formed. Such name
 24 shall not be or include the name of any political party then in existence
 25 or any word forming any part of the name of any political party then in
 26 existence, and in order to avoid confusion regarding party affiliation of
 27 a candidate or registered voter, the name of the party to be formed shall
 28 not include the word "independent" or "nonpartisan". ~~The petition shall~~
 29 ~~contain a statement substantially as follows:~~

30 ~~We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Nebraska and~~
 31 ~~the county of, being severally qualified to sign this~~

~~1 petition, respectfully request that the above-named new political party
2 be formed in the State of Nebraska, and each for himself or herself says:
3 I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name; I am
4 a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and county of
5 and am qualified to sign this petition; and my date of birth and city,
6 village, or post office address and my street and number or voting
7 precinct are correctly written after my name.~~

8 **Sec. 37.** In addition to the requirements of section 32-716, the
9 form of a petition to form a new political party shall be substantially
10 as follows:

11 Petition for Formation of a New Political Party

12 Name of Party to be Formed:

13 Purpose of Party:

14 To the Honorable, Secretary of State for the State of
15 Nebraska:

16 We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nebraska and the
17 county of, respectfully demand that the above-named new
18 political party be formed in the State of Nebraska, and each for himself
19 or herself says:

20 I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name;

21 I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and the county
22 of and am qualified to sign this petition or I will be so
23 registered and qualified on or before the date on which this petition is
24 filed with the Secretary of State; and

25 My printed name, date of birth, street and number or voting
26 precinct, and city, village, or post office address are correctly written
27 after my signature.

28 (Here follow numbered lines for signature, printed name, date of
29 birth, date, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or
30 post office address.)

31 **Sec. 38.** Section 32-717, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

1 2024, is amended to read:

2 32-717 (1) Within twenty business days after all the petitions to
3 form a new political party which contain signatures are filed with the
4 Secretary of State, he or she shall determine the validity and
5 sufficiency of such petitions and signatures. Clerical and technical
6 errors in a petition shall be disregarded if the forms prescribed by the
7 Secretary of State are substantially followed. If the Secretary of State
8 verifies signatures in excess of one hundred ten percent of the number
9 necessary for the formation of a new political party, the Secretary of
10 State may stop verifying signatures and notify the person, group, or
11 association forming the new political party pursuant to subsection (2) of
12 this section.

13 (2) If the petitions are determined to be sufficient and valid, the
14 Secretary of State shall notify ~~issue a certification establishing the~~
15 ~~new political party. Copies of such certification shall be issued to the~~
16 person, group, or association forming the new political party. Within
17 twenty days after notification ~~the certification of establishment of the~~
18 ~~new political party~~ by the Secretary of State, the person, group, or
19 association forming the new political party or its new officers shall
20 file with the Secretary of State the constitution and bylaws of such
21 party along with a certified list of the names and addresses of the
22 officers of the new political party. Upon receipt of the constitution and
23 bylaws of such party, the Secretary of State shall issue a certification
24 establishing the new political party. If the constitution and bylaws of a
25 new political party are not filed within twenty days after the Secretary
26 of State's notification, no certification shall be issued and the party
27 shall not be considered properly established.

28 **Sec. 39.** Section 32-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2024, is amended to read:

30 32-803 (1) A sample of the official ballot shall be printed in one
31 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county, city, or village

1 as designated by the election commissioner, county clerk, city council,
2 or village board. The sample shall be printed in English and in any other
3 language required pursuant to the Voting Rights Language Assistance Act
4 of 1992.

5 (2) Except for elections conducted in accordance with section
6 32-960, such publication shall be made not more than thirty fifteen nor
7 less than two days before the day of election, and the same shall appear
8 in only one regular issue of each paper. For elections conducted in
9 accordance with section 32-960, such publication shall be made not less
10 than thirty days before the election.

11 (3) The form of the ballot so published shall conform in all
12 respects to the form prescribed for official ballots as set forth in
13 sections 32-806, 32-809, and 32-812, but larger or smaller type may be
14 used. When paper ballots are not being used, a reduced-size facsimile of
15 the official ballot shall be published as it appears on the voting
16 system. Such publication shall include suitable instructions to the
17 voters for casting their ballots using the voting system being used at
18 the election.

19 (4) The rate charged by the newspapers and paid by the county board
20 for the publication of such sample ballot shall not exceed the rate
21 regularly charged for display advertising in such newspaper in which the
22 publication is made.

23 **Sec. 40.** Section 32-809, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
24 2024, is amended to read:

25 32-809 (1) The form of the official ballot at the statewide primary
26 election shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State. At the top of the
27 ballot and over all else shall be printed in boldface type the name of
28 the political party, Official Ballot, Primary Election 20.. .
29 Each division containing the names of the office and a list of candidates
30 for such office shall be separated from other groups by a bold line. The
31 ballot shall list at-large candidates and subdistrict candidates under

1 appropriate headings.

2 (2) All proposals for constitutional amendments and candidates on
3 the nonpartisan ballot shall be submitted on a ballot where bold lines
4 separate one office or issue from another. Proposals for constitutional
5 amendments proposed by the Legislature shall be placed on the ballot as
6 provided in sections 49-201 to 49-211. All constitutional amendments
7 shall be placed on a separate ballot when a paper ballot is used which
8 requires the ballot after being voted to be folded before being deposited
9 in a ballot box. When an optical-scan ballot is used which requires a
10 ballot envelope or sleeve in which the ballot after being voted is placed
11 before being deposited in a ballot box, constitutional amendments may be
12 printed on either side of the ballot and shall be separated from other
13 offices or issues by a bold line. Constitutional amendments so arranged
14 shall constitute a separate ballot.

15 (3) Except as otherwise provided in section 32-811, the statewide
16 primary election ballot shall contain the name of every candidate filing
17 or recognized under subsection (1) of section 32-606 and sections 32-611,
18 32-613, and 32-614 and no other names. No name of a candidate for member
19 of the Legislature or an elective office described in Article IV, section
20 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall appear on any ballot or any
21 series of ballots at any primary election more than once. ~~When two or
22 more of the last names of candidates for the same office at the primary
23 election are the same in spelling or sound, the official ballots may, on
24 the request of any such candidate, have his or her address printed
25 immediately below his or her name in capital and lowercase letters in
26 lightface type of the same size as the type in which the name of the
27 candidate is printed.~~

28 **Sec. 41.** Section 32-811, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2024, is amended to read:

30 32-811 (1)(a) If the names of candidates properly filed for
31 nomination at the primary election for directors of natural resources

1 districts, directors of public power districts, members of airport
2 authority boards elected pursuant to sections 32-547 to 32-549, members
3 of the boards of governors of community college areas, members of the
4 boards of Class I, Class II, Class III, or Class V school districts which
5 nominate candidates at a primary election, and officers of cities of the
6 first or second class and cities having a city manager plan of government
7 do not exceed two candidates for each position to be filled, any such
8 candidates shall be declared nominated and their names shall not appear
9 on any primary election ballots.

10 (b) If the number of candidates properly filed for the nomination of
11 a political party at the primary election for any county officer elected
12 pursuant to sections 32-517 to 32-529 does not exceed the number of
13 candidates to be nominated by that party for that office, any such
14 properly filed candidates shall be declared nominated and their names
15 shall not appear on any primary election ballots.

16 (c) The official abstract of votes kept by the county or state shall
17 show the names of such candidates with the statement Nominated Without
18 Opposition. The election commissioner or county clerk shall place the
19 names of such automatically nominated candidates on the general election
20 ballot as provided in section 32-814 or 32-815.

21 (2) Candidates shall not appear on the ballot in the primary
22 election for the offices listed in subsection (2) of section 32-606.

23 ~~(3) If the number of candidates for delegates to a county or~~
24 ~~national political party convention are the same in number or less than~~
25 ~~the number of candidates to be elected, the names shall not appear on the~~
26 ~~primary election ballot and those so filed shall receive a certificate of~~
27 ~~election.~~

28 **Sec. 42.** Section 32-912, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 32-912 (1) Any registered voter desiring to vote in a primary
31 election held under the Election Act shall be entitled to participate in

1 such primary election upon presenting himself or herself at the polling
2 place for his or her residence. A registered voter who is affiliated with
3 a political party shall receive from the receiving board all nonpartisan
4 ballots and the partisan ballot of the political party indicated on his
5 or her voter registration. Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)
6 of this section, a registered voter who is not affiliated with any
7 political party shall receive only nonpartisan ballots at a primary
8 election.

9 (2) Any political party may allow registered voters who are not
10 affiliated with a political party to vote in the primary election for any
11 elective office for which the party has candidates ~~except for the office~~
12 ~~of delegate to the party's county, state, or national convention.~~ Any
13 political party desiring to permit such registered voters to vote for
14 candidates of that party in the primary election shall file a letter
15 stating that the governing body of the political party has adopted a rule
16 allowing registered voters who are not affiliated with a political party
17 to vote in the primary election for candidates of that party. The letter
18 and copy of the adopted rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State
19 at least sixty days before the primary election. The Secretary of State
20 shall notify the appropriate election commissioners and county clerks in
21 writing that the political party filing the letter will allow registered
22 voters who are not affiliated with a political party to vote in the
23 primary election for candidates of that party. Once filed, the rule
24 allowing such voters to vote in such primary election shall be
25 irrevocable and shall apply only to the primary election immediately
26 following the adoption of the rule.

27 (3) A registered voter who is not affiliated with a political party
28 and who desires to vote in the primary election for the office of United
29 States Senator or United States Representative may request a partisan
30 ballot for either or both of such offices from any political party. The
31 election commissioner or county clerk shall post a notice in a

1 conspicuous location, easily visible and readable by voters prior to
2 approaching the receiving board, that a registered voter who is not
3 affiliated with a political party may request such ballots. No such
4 registered voter shall receive more than one such partisan ballot.

5 (4) The registered voters residing in a political subdivision may
6 cast their ballots for candidates for the offices in that subdivision and
7 for issues proposed for that subdivision, except that when officers are
8 to be nominated or elected from a subdistrict of the political
9 subdivision, the registered voters residing in the subdistrict may only
10 vote for candidates from the subdistrict and for candidates for officers
11 to be elected at large from the whole political subdivision.

12 **Sec. 43.** Section 32-1002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
13 2024, is amended to read:

14 32-1002 (1) As the ballots are removed from the ballot box pursuant
15 to sections 32-1012 to 32-1018, the receiving board shall separate the
16 envelopes containing the provisional ballots from the rest of the ballots
17 and deliver them to the election commissioner or county clerk.

18 (2) Upon receipt of a provisional ballot, the election commissioner
19 or county clerk shall verify that the certificate on the front of the
20 envelope or the form attached to the envelope is in proper form and that
21 the certification has been signed by the voter.

22 (3) The election commissioner or county clerk shall also (a) verify
23 that such person has not voted anywhere else in the county or been issued
24 a ballot for early voting, (b) investigate whether any credible evidence
25 exists that the person was properly registered to vote in the county
26 before the deadline for registration for the election, (c) investigate
27 whether any information has been received pursuant to section 32-308,
28 ~~32-309~~, 32-310, or 32-324 that the person has resided, registered, or
29 voted in any other county or state since registering to vote in the
30 county, and (d) upon determining that credible evidence exists that the
31 person was properly registered to vote in the county, make the

1 appropriate changes to the voter registration register by entering the
2 information contained in the registration application completed by the
3 voter at the time of voting a provisional ballot.

4 (4) A provisional ballot cast by a voter pursuant to section 32-915
5 shall be counted if:

6 (a) Credible evidence exists that the voter was properly registered
7 in the county before the deadline for registration for the election;

8 (b) The voter has resided in the county continuously since
9 registering to vote in the county;

10 (c) The voter has not voted anywhere else in the county or has not
11 otherwise voted early using a ballot for early voting;

12 (d) The voter has completed a registration application prior to
13 voting as prescribed in subsection (6) of this section and:

14 (i) The residence address provided on the registration application
15 completed pursuant to subdivision (1)(e) of section 32-915 is located
16 within the precinct in which the person voted; and

17 (ii) If the voter is voting in a primary election, the party
18 affiliation provided on the registration application completed prior to
19 voting the provisional ballot is the same party affiliation that appears
20 on the voter's voter registration record based on his or her previous
21 registration application; and

22 (e) The certification on the front of the envelope or form attached
23 to the envelope is in the proper form and signed by the voter.

24 (5) A provisional ballot cast by a voter pursuant to section 32-915
25 shall not be counted if:

26 (a) The voter was not properly registered in the county before the
27 deadline for registration for the election;

28 (b) Information has been received pursuant to section 32-308,
29 ~~32-309~~, 32-310, or 32-324 that the voter has resided, registered, or
30 voted in any other county or state since registering to vote in the
31 county in which he or she cast the provisional ballot;

1 (c) Credible evidence exists that the voter has voted elsewhere or
2 has otherwise voted early;

3 (d) The voter failed to complete and sign a registration application
4 pursuant to subsection (6) of this section and subdivision (1)(e) of
5 section 32-915;

6 (e) The residence address provided on the registration application
7 completed pursuant to subdivision (1)(e) of section 32-915 is in a
8 different county or in a different precinct than the county or precinct
9 in which the voter voted;

10 (f) If the voter is voting in a primary election, the party
11 affiliation on the registration application completed prior to voting the
12 provisional ballot is different than the party affiliation that appears
13 on the voter's voter registration record based on his or her previous
14 registration application; or

15 (g) The voter failed to complete and sign the certification on the
16 envelope or form attached to the envelope pursuant to subsection (3) of
17 section 32-915.

18 (6) An error or omission of information on the registration
19 application or the certification required under section 32-915 shall not
20 result in the provisional ballot not being counted if:

21 (a)(i) The errant or omitted information is contained elsewhere on
22 the registration application or certification; or

23 (ii) The information is not necessary to determine the eligibility
24 of the voter to cast a ballot; and

25 (b) Both the registration application and the certification are
26 signed by the voter.

27 (7) Upon determining that the voter's provisional ballot is eligible
28 to be counted, the election commissioner or county clerk shall remove the
29 ballot from the envelope without exposing the marks on the ballot and
30 shall place the ballot with the ballots to be counted by the county
31 canvassing board.

1 (8) The election commissioner or county clerk shall notify the
2 system administrator of the system created pursuant to section 32-202 as
3 to whether the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason the ballot was
4 not counted.

5 (9) The verification and investigation shall be completed within
6 seven business days after the election.

7 **Sec. 44.** Section 32-1005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2024, is amended to read:

9 32-1005 If the last name or a reasonably close spelling of the last
10 name of a person engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign pursuant to
11 section 32-615 or 32-633 is written or printed on a line provided for
12 that purpose and the square or oval opposite such line has been marked
13 with a cross or other clear, intelligible mark, the vote shall be valid
14 and the ballot shall be counted except as provided in section 32-1007. A
15 write-in vote for a person who is not engaged in or pursuing a write-in
16 campaign pursuant to section 32-615 or 32-633 shall not be counted.

17 **Sec. 45.** Section 32-1007, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 32-1007 (1) If the last name of a person engaged in or pursuing a
20 write-in campaign pursuant to section 32-615 is the same or substantially
21 similar to the last name of another person engaged in or pursuing a
22 write-in campaign for the same office or a candidate appearing on the
23 ballot for the same office, the write-in vote shall be valid only if, in
24 addition to the requirements of section 32-1005, the first or generally
25 recognized name of the person engaged in or pursuing the write-in
26 campaign is also written or printed on the line provided for that
27 purpose.

28 (2) If only the last name of a person is in the write-in space on
29 the ballot and the last name is the same or substantially similar to the
30 last name of another person engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign
31 for the same office or a candidate appearing on the ballot for the same

~~1 office there is more than one person in the county having the same last
2 name, the counting board shall reject the ballot for that office unless
3 the last name is reasonably close to the proper spelling of the last name
4 of a candidate engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign pursuant to
5 section 32-615. The counting board shall make the following notation on
6 the rejected ballot: Rejected for the office of, no first or
7 generally recognized name.~~

8 **Sec. 46.** Section 32-1013, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 32-1013 (1) In each counting location, watchers may be appointed to
11 be present and observe the counting of ballots. Each political party
12 shall be entitled to one watcher at each location appointed and supplied
13 with credentials by the county central committee of such political party.
14 The district court having jurisdiction over any such county may appoint
15 additional watchers for any location.

16 (2) The watchers and the members of the counting board shall take
17 the following oath administered by the election commissioner or county
18 clerk or an election official designated by the election commissioner or
19 county clerk: I do solemnly swear that I will not in any manner make
20 known to anyone other than duly authorized election officials the results
21 of the votes as they are being counted until the polls have officially
22 closed and the summary of votes cast is delivered to the election
23 commissioner or county clerk.

24 (3) Except for polling places using precinct-based optical scanners,
25 all other persons shall be excluded from the place where the counting is
26 being conducted except for observers authorized by the election
27 commissioner or county clerk. No such observer shall be connected with
28 any candidate, political party, or measure on the ballot.

29 (4) No such watcher or observer shall be excluded from the counting
30 location unless the election commissioner or county clerk provides an
31 unobstructed view of the counting of ballots by use of closed-circuit

1 television or similar device.

2 **Sec. 47.** The election commissioner or county clerk shall verify the
3 signature on each identification envelope received in his or her office
4 with the signature on the voter registration records.

5 **Sec. 48.** Section 32-1032, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 32-1032 Upon the completion of the canvass by the county canvassing
8 board, all books shall again be sealed, and the election commissioner or
9 county clerk shall keep all election materials, including the ballots-
10 cast containers from each precinct, the sealed envelopes containing the
11 precinct list of registered voters, the precinct sign-in register, the
12 official summary or summaries of votes cast, and the container for early
13 voting materials, for not less than twenty-two months when statewide
14 primary, general, or special elections involve federal offices,
15 candidates, and issues and not less than fifty days for local elections
16 not held in conjunction with a statewide primary, general, or special
17 election. The election commissioner or county clerk shall keep on file
18 one copy of each ballot face used in each precinct of the official
19 partisan, nonpartisan, constitutional amendment, and initiative and
20 referendum ballots, as used for voting, and all election notices used at
21 each primary and general election for twenty-two months. The precinct
22 sign-in register, the record of early voters, and the official summary of
23 votes cast shall be subject to the inspection of any person who may wish
24 to examine the same after the primary, general, or special election. The
25 election commissioner or county clerk shall not allow any other election
26 materials to be inspected, including ballots, the names of voters who
27 filled out a provisional voter identification verification envelope
28 pursuant to section 32-915.03, and provisional ballot envelopes, except
29 when an election is contested or the materials become necessary to be
30 used in evidence in the courts. The election commissioner or county clerk
31 shall direct the destruction of such materials after such time, except

1 that the election commissioner or county clerk may retain materials for
2 the purposes of establishing voter histories.

3 **Sec. 49.** Section 32-1037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 32-1037 There shall be a board of state canvassers consisting of the
6 Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State
7 Treasurer, and Attorney General. The board of state canvassers shall meet
8 at a location designated by the Secretary of State ~~the office of the~~
9 ~~Secretary of State or such other location within the State Capitol as~~
10 ~~designated by the Secretary of State~~ on the fourth Monday after each
11 statewide primary and general election for the sole purpose of canvassing
12 the votes cast for all officers and issues certified to the election
13 commissioner or county clerk by the Secretary of State. The board of
14 state canvassers may adjourn from day to day until all returns are
15 received and all votes are tabulated. The Governor on the advice of the
16 Secretary of State or the Attorney General may call an extraordinary
17 session of the board of state canvassers. The duty of the board of state
18 canvassers to canvass the votes is ministerial in nature.

19 **Sec. 50.** Section 32-1049, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
20 2024, is amended to read:

21 32-1049 Any election commissioner or county clerk using a vote
22 counting device to count ballots in a centralized location shall:

23 (1) Provide for the proper sealing of the containers and the
24 security of the ballots when transported from each polling place to the
25 centralized location and when removed from their containers and delivered
26 to the personnel who operate the vote counting devices;

27 (2) Provide a process of counting which allows for the ballots of
28 each precinct to be placed in a sealed container and placed in a secure
29 location after the counting process has been completed;

30 (3) Provide for a method of overseeing the ballots that have been
31 overvoted or damaged which does not involve judging voter intent to

1 assure that these ballots have not been or will not be intentionally
2 mismarked;

3 (4) Provide for a procedure for counting write-in votes when such
4 votes and names of write-in candidates are to be counted and recorded;

5 (5) Provide for at least three independent tests to be conducted
6 before counting begins to verify the accuracy of the counting process,
7 which includes the computerized program installed for counting various
8 ballots by vote counting devices, by (a) the election commissioner or
9 county clerk, (b) the chief deputy election commissioner or a registered
10 voter with a different party affiliation than that of the election
11 commissioner or county clerk, and (c) the person who installed the
12 program in the vote counting device or the person in charge of operating
13 the device;

14 (6) Before any ballots are counted by a vote counting device,
15 provide for the running of a zero report that indicates the vote counting
16 devices are clear of any previous results;

17 (7) (6) Provide for storing and safeguarding the magnetic tapes or
18 computer chips of the vote counting devices for the required period of
19 time;

20 (8) (7) Provide the appropriate security personnel or measures
21 necessary to safeguard the secrecy and security of the counting process;

22 (9) (8) Develop a procedure for picking up and counting ballots
23 during election day at the discretion of the election commissioner or
24 county clerk. No report or tabulation of vote totals for such ballots
25 shall be produced or generated prior to one hour before the closing of
26 the polls;

27 (10) (9) Develop a procedure for picking up and transporting ballots
28 from a secure ballot drop-box to the office of the election commissioner
29 or county clerk; ~~and~~

30 (11) Provide a process for verifying early voting ballots that
31 includes verifying the voter's signature on the envelope and, for

1 elections conducted pursuant to section 32-953, the voter's valid
2 photographic identification;

3 (12) Provide for verification of provisional ballots;

4 (13) Provide a timeline for counting that includes the anticipated
5 date the counting and canvassing boards will convene; and

6 (14) ~~(10)~~ Submit a written plan to the Secretary of State
7 specifically outlining the procedures that will be followed ~~before,~~
8 during, and after ~~an~~ election day to implement this section. The plan
9 shall be submitted no later than twenty-five days before the election and
10 may shall be modified , as necessary , ~~for each primary, general, or~~
11 special election.

12 **Sec. 51.** Section 32-1119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 32-1119 (1) Any candidate who failed to be nominated or elected
15 shall be entitled to a recount if it appears, as evidenced by the
16 abstract of votes, that the candidate failed to be nominated or elected
17 by one of the following margins:

18 (a) If more than five hundred votes were cast for the office, one
19 percent or less of the votes received by the candidate:

20 (i) Who received the highest number of votes, for offices in which
21 two or fewer candidates are nominated or one candidate is elected; or

22 (ii) Who received the fewest number of votes qualifying the
23 candidate for nomination or election, for offices in which three or more
24 candidates are nominated or two or more candidates are elected; and

25 (b) If five hundred or fewer votes were cast for the office, two
26 percent or less of the votes received by the candidate:

27 (i) Who received the highest number of votes, for offices in which
28 two or fewer candidates are nominated or one candidate is elected; or

29 (ii) Who received the fewest number of votes qualifying the
30 candidate for nomination or election, for offices in which three or more
31 candidates are nominated or two or more candidates are elected.

1 ~~If it appears as evidenced by the abstract of votes that any~~
2 ~~candidate failed to be nominated or elected by a margin of (a) one~~
3 ~~percent or less of the votes received by the candidate who received the~~
4 ~~highest number of votes for the office at an election in which more than~~
5 ~~five hundred total votes were cast or (b) two percent or less of the~~
6 ~~votes received by the candidate who received the highest number of votes~~
7 ~~for the office at an election in which five hundred or less total votes~~
8 ~~were cast, then such candidate shall be entitled to a recount.~~

9 (2) Any losing candidate may waive his or her right to a recount by
10 filing a written statement with the Secretary of State, election
11 commissioner, or county clerk with whom he or she made his or her filing.
12 All expenses of a recount under this section shall be paid by those
13 political subdivisions involved in the recount.

14 (3) ~~(2)~~ Recounts shall be made by the county canvassing board which
15 officiated in making the official county canvass of the election returns.
16 If any member of the county canvassing board cannot participate in the
17 recount, another person shall be appointed by the election commissioner
18 or county clerk to take the member's place.

19 (4) ~~(3)~~ Recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of
20 State shall be made on the fifth Wednesday after the election and shall
21 commence at 9 a.m. The Secretary of State shall inform each election
22 commissioner or county clerk of the names of the candidates for which the
23 board of state canvassers deems a recount to be necessary.

24 (5) ~~(4)~~ The election commissioner or county clerk shall be
25 responsible for recounting the ballots for those candidates for whom the
26 county canvassing board deems a recount to be necessary. The recount
27 shall be made as soon as possible after the adjournment of the county
28 canvassing board, except that if a recount is required under subsection
29 ~~(4)~~ ~~(3)~~ of this section, the recounts may be conducted concurrently.

30 (6) ~~(5)~~ The Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county
31 clerk shall notify all candidates whose ballots will be recounted of the

1 time, date, and place of the recount. Candidates whose ballots will be
2 recounted may be present or be represented by an agent appointed by the
3 candidate.

4 (7) ~~(6)~~ The procedures for the recounting of ballots shall be the
5 same as those used for the counting of ballots on election day. The
6 recount shall be conducted at the county courthouse, except that if vote
7 counting devices are used for the counting or recounting, such counting
8 or recounting may be accomplished at the site of the devices. Counties
9 counting ballots by using a vote counting device shall first recount the
10 ballots by use of the device. If substantial changes are found, the
11 ballots shall then be counted using such device in any precinct which
12 might reflect a substantial change.

13 **Sec. 52.** Section 32-1122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
14 amended to read:

15 32-1122 (1) If a recount after a primary election results in any two
16 or more persons having an equal and the highest number of votes for the
17 same nomination for the same county, city, village, or school district
18 office, the county canvassing board shall, in the presence of the
19 candidates or their representatives, determine by lot which of the
20 candidates shall be nominated. The election commissioner or county clerk
21 shall notify such candidates by certified mail to appear at his or her
22 office on a given day and hour to determine the same before the county
23 canvassing board. If a candidate or candidate's representative fails to
24 appear at the given day and hour, a person designated by the election
25 commissioner or county clerk shall participate in the candidate's stead.
26 The election commissioner or county clerk shall make a certificate of
27 nomination for the person so nominated and shall cause such certificate
28 to be delivered to the person entitled thereto.

29 (2) If a recount after a general or special election results in any
30 two or more persons having an equal and the highest number of votes for
31 the same county, city, village, or school district office, the county

1 canvassing board shall, in the presence of the candidates or their
2 representatives, determine by lot which of the candidates shall be
3 elected. The election commissioner or county clerk shall notify such
4 candidates by certified mail to appear at his or her office on a given
5 day and hour to determine the same before the county canvassing board. If
6 a candidate or candidate's representative fails to appear at the given
7 day and hour, a person designated by the election commissioner or county
8 clerk shall participate in the candidate's stead. The election
9 commissioner or county clerk shall make a certificate of election for the
10 person so elected and shall cause such certificate to be delivered to the
11 person entitled thereto.

12 (3) If a recount after a primary election results in any two or more
13 persons having an equal and the highest number of votes for nomination to
14 an office canvassed by the board of state canvassers, the board shall
15 decide by lot which of such persons is nominated.

16 (4) If a recount after a general or special election results in any
17 two or more persons having an equal and the highest number of votes for
18 the office of the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public
19 Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, or other officer elected to
20 an executive department, the Legislature shall choose one of such persons
21 for the office. If the office involved in the recount is the office of
22 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall be the candidate for
23 Lieutenant Governor chosen by the person selected by the Legislature as
24 Governor.

25 (5) If a recount after a general or special election results in any
26 two or more persons having an equal and the highest number of votes for
27 an office canvassed by the board of state canvassers, the board shall
28 decide by lot which of such persons is elected, except officers elected
29 to the executive department.

30 **Sec. 53.** Section 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
31 amended to read:

1 32-1404 Initiative and referendum petition signers shall conform to
2 the requirements of sections 32-629 and 32-630. ~~A signer of an initiative~~
3 ~~and referendum petition shall be a registered voter of the State of~~
4 ~~Nebraska on or before the date on which the petition is required to be~~
5 ~~filed with the Secretary of State and shall meet the requirements of~~
6 ~~section 32-630. A person who circulates initiative and referendum~~
7 ~~petitions shall comply with the requirements of section 32-629 and~~
8 ~~subsection (2) of section 32-630 and with the prohibitions contained in~~
9 ~~subdivisions (3)(a), (d), and (f) of section 32-630.~~

10 **Sec. 54.** Section 32-1409, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
11 2024, is amended to read:

12 32-1409 (1) Upon the receipt of the petitions, the Secretary of
13 State, with the aid and assistance of the election commissioner or county
14 clerk, shall determine the validity and sufficiency of signatures on the
15 pages of the filed petition. The various pages of the filed petition may
16 remain in the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State
17 shall deliver the various pages or copies of the various pages of the
18 filed petition to the election commissioner or county clerk by hand
19 carrier, by use of law enforcement officials, ~~or~~ by certified mail,
20 return receipt requested, or by a secure method designated by the
21 Secretary of State. Upon receipt of the pages of the petition, the
22 election commissioner or county clerk shall issue to the Secretary of
23 State a written receipt that the pages of the petition are in the custody
24 of the election commissioner or county clerk. The Secretary of State,
25 election commissioner, or county clerk shall determine if each signer was
26 a registered voter on or before the date on which the petition was
27 required to be filed with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State,
28 election commissioner, or county clerk shall compare the signer's
29 signature, printed name, date of birth, street name and number or voting
30 precinct, and city, village, or post office address with the voter
31 registration records to determine whether the signer was a registered

1 voter. The determination of the Secretary of State, election
2 commissioner, or county clerk may be rebutted by any credible evidence
3 which the Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk
4 finds sufficient. The express purpose of the comparison of names and
5 addresses with the voter registration records, in addition to helping to
6 determine the validity of such petition, the sufficiency of such
7 petition, and the qualifications of the signer, shall be to prevent
8 fraud, deception, and misrepresentation in the petition process. If the
9 Secretary of State receives reports from a sufficient number of the
10 counties that signatures in excess of one hundred ten percent of the
11 number necessary to place the issue on the ballot have been verified, the
12 Secretary of State may instruct the election commissioners and county
13 clerks in all counties to stop verifying signatures and certify the
14 number of signatures verified as of receipt of the instruction from the
15 Secretary of State.

16 (2) Upon completion of the determination of registration, the
17 election commissioner or county clerk shall prepare in writing a
18 certification under seal setting forth the name and address of each
19 signer found not to be a registered voter and the petition page number
20 and line number where the name is found, and if the reason for the
21 invalidity of the signature or address is other than the nonregistration
22 of the signer, the election commissioner or county clerk shall set forth
23 the reason for the invalidity of the signature. If the election
24 commissioner or county clerk determines that a signer has affixed his or
25 her signature more than once to any page or pages of the petition and
26 that only one person is registered by that name, the election
27 commissioner or county clerk shall prepare in writing a certification
28 under seal setting forth the name of the duplicate signature and shall
29 count only the first verified ~~earliest dated~~ signature. The election
30 commissioner or county clerk shall deliver all pages of the petition and
31 the certifications to the Secretary of State within forty days after the

1 receipt of such pages or copies of such pages from the Secretary of
2 State. The delivery shall be by hand carrier, by use of law enforcement
3 officials, or by ~~certified mail~~ ~~, return receipt requested~~. The Secretary
4 of State may grant to the election commissioner or county clerk an
5 additional ten days to deliver ~~return~~ all certifications and pages of the
6 petition in extraordinary circumstances.

7 (3) Upon receipt of the pages of the petition, the Secretary of
8 State shall issue a written receipt indicating the number of pages of the
9 petition that are in his or her custody. ~~When all the petitions and~~
10 ~~certifications have been received by the Secretary of State, he or she~~
11 ~~shall strike from the pages of the petition all but the earliest dated~~
12 ~~signature of any duplicate signatures and such stricken signatures shall~~
13 ~~not be added to the total number of valid signatures.~~ Not more than
14 twenty signatures on one sheet shall be counted. All signatures secured
15 in a manner contrary to sections 32-1401 to 32-1416 shall not be counted.
16 Clerical and technical errors in a petition shall be disregarded if the
17 forms prescribed in sections 32-1401 to 32-1403 are substantially
18 followed. The Secretary of State shall total the valid signatures and
19 determine if constitutional and statutory requirements have been met. The
20 Secretary of State shall immediately serve a copy of such determination
21 by the most expeditious method available ~~certified or registered mail~~
22 upon the person filing the initiative or referendum petition. If the
23 petition is found to be valid and sufficient, the Secretary of State
24 shall proceed to place the measure on the general election ballot.

25 (4) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and
26 regulations for the issuance of all necessary forms and procedural
27 instructions to carry out this section.

28 **Sec. 55.** Section 32-1524, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2024, is amended to read:

30 32-1524 (1) No judge or clerk of election or precinct or district
31 inspector shall do any electioneering or disseminate information or

1 materials advertising or advocating for or against any ballot measure
2 while acting as an election official.

3 (2) No person shall do any electioneering, disseminate information
4 or materials advertising or advocating for or against any ballot measure,
5 or circulate petitions within any polling place or any building
6 designated for voters to cast ballots by the election commissioner or
7 county clerk pursuant to the Election Act while the polling place or
8 building is set up for voters to cast ballots or within two hundred feet
9 of the entrances to any such polling place or building except as
10 otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section.

11 (3) No person shall do any electioneering, ~~or~~ disseminate
12 information or materials advertising or advocating for or against any
13 ballot measure, or circulate petitions within two hundred feet of any
14 secure ballot drop-box.

15 (4) Subject to any local ordinance, a person may display yard signs
16 on private real property within two hundred feet of a polling place or
17 building designated for voters to cast ballots or a secure ballot drop-
18 box if the property is not under common ownership with the property on
19 which the polling place, building, or secure ballot drop-box is located.

20 (5) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class V
21 misdemeanor.

22 **Sec. 56.** Section 32-1525, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
23 2024, is amended to read:

24 32-1525 (1) No person shall conduct an exit poll, a public opinion
25 poll, or any other interview with voters on election day seeking to
26 determine voter preference within twenty feet of the entrance of any
27 polling place or, if inside the polling place or building, within one
28 hundred feet of any voting booth.

29 (2)(a) No poll watcher shall interfere with any voter in the
30 preparation or casting of such voter's ballot or prevent any election
31 worker from performing the worker's duties.

1 (b) A poll watcher shall not provide assistance to a voter as
2 described in section 32-918 unless selected by the voter to provide
3 assistance as provided in section 32-918.

4 (c) A poll watcher shall not do any electioneering or disseminate
5 any information or materials advertising or advocating for or against any
6 ballot measure while engaged in observing at a polling place.

7 (d) A poll watcher shall maintain a distance of at least eight feet
8 from the sign-in table, the sign-in register, the polling booths, the
9 ballot box, and any ballots which have not been cast, except that if the
10 polling place is not large enough for a distance of eight feet, the judge
11 of election shall post a notice of the minimum distance the poll watcher
12 must maintain from the sign-in table, the sign-in register, the polling
13 booths, the ballot box, and any ballots which have not been cast. The
14 posted notice shall be clearly visible to the voters and shall be posted
15 prior to the opening of the polls on election day. The minimum distance
16 shall not be determined to exclude a poll watcher from being in the
17 polling place.

18 (3)(a) No counting watcher or observer shall prevent any election
19 worker from performing the worker's duties.

20 (b) A counting watcher or observer shall maintain a distance of at
21 least eight feet from any ballots, ballot boxes, sign-in registers, and
22 vote counting devices, except that if the counting location is not large
23 enough for a distance of eight feet, the election commissioner or county
24 clerk shall post a notice of the minimum distance the counting watcher or
25 observer must maintain from any ballots, ballot boxes, sign-in registers,
26 and vote counting devices. The posted notice should be clearly visible to
27 the counting watcher or observer and shall be posted prior to the
28 counting board convening. The minimum distance shall not be determined to
29 exclude a counting watcher or observer from being in the counting
30 location except as provided in subsection (3) of section 32-1013.

31 (4) (3) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class

1 V misdemeanor.

2 **Sec. 57.** Section 32-1546, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 32-1546 (1) Any person who is not, at the time of signing a
5 petition, a registered voter and qualified to sign the petition except as
6 provided for ~~initiative and referendum~~ petitions in subdivision (1) of
7 section ~~32-629~~ ~~32-1404~~ or who signs any name other than his or her own to
8 any petition shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

9 (2) Any person who falsely swears to a circulator's affidavit on a
10 petition, who accepts money or other things of value for signing a
11 petition, or who offers money or other things of value in exchange for a
12 signature upon any petition shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

13 (3) Any person who falsifies a letter submitted pursuant to section
14 32-632 or subsection (3) of section 32-1305 or who signs any name other
15 than his or her own to such letter shall be guilty of a Class I
16 misdemeanor.

17 **Sec. 58.** Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17,
18 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36,
19 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 51, 53, 54, 57, 60, and 62 of
20 this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of
21 this legislative session. Sections 50 and 59 of this act become operative
22 on January 1, 2026. The other sections of this act become operative on
23 their effective date.

24 **Sec. 59.** Original section 32-1049, Revised Statutes Cumulative
25 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 60.** Original sections 32-104, 32-239, 32-307, 32-315, 32-401,
27 32-603, 32-620, 32-621, 32-624, 32-628, 32-629, 32-704, 32-707, 32-912,
28 32-1037, 32-1119, and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
29 sections 32-202, 32-221, 32-231, 32-308, 32-312, 32-326, 32-607, 32-613,
30 32-615, 32-617, 32-618, 32-630, 32-632, 32-716, 32-717, 32-803, 32-809,
31 32-811, 32-1002, 32-1005, 32-1007, 32-1409, and 32-1546, Revised Statutes

1 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

2 **Sec. 61.** Original sections 32-1032 and 32-1122, Reissue Revised
3 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-101, 32-123, 32-405, 32-631,
4 32-1013, 32-1524, and 32-1525, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2024, are repealed.

6 **Sec. 62.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
7 32-309 and 32-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

8 **Sec. 63.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
9 passed and approved according to law.