LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 603

Introduced by Chambers, 11. Read first time January 23, 2013 Committee:

A BILL

1	FOR AN ACT relating to oaths and affirmations; to amend sections
2	7-104, 11-101, 11-101.01, 11-101.02, 13-1403, 23-1804,
3	23-1807, 23-1809, 29-2009, 32-330, 32-918, 32-927,
4	32-931, 32-934, 32-946, 32-1013, and 77-3204, Reissue
5	Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-305,
6	32-546.01, and 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative
7	Supplement, 2012; to include affirmation or affirm as
8	prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.
9	Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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Section 1. Section 7-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 7-104 Every attorney upon being admitted to practice in 4 the Supreme Court or district courts of this state, shall take and 5 subscribe an oath <u>or affirmation</u> substantially in the following form: 6 You do solemnly swear <u>or affirm</u> that you will support the 7 Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this 8 state, and that you will faithfully discharge the duties of an 9 attorney and counselor, according to the best of your ability.

Sec. 2. Section 11-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 11-101 All state, district, county, precinct, township, 13 municipal, and especially appointed officers, except those mentioned 14 in Article XV, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of 15 Nebraska, shall, before entering upon their respective duties, take 16 and subscribe the following oath <u>or affirmation</u>, which shall be 17 endorsed upon their respective bonds:

I, do solemnly swear or affirm 18 that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the 19 20 Constitution of the State of Nebraska, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; 21 that I take this obligation freely and without mental reservation or 22 23 for purpose of evasion; and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of, 24 according to law, and to the best of my ability. And I do further 25

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1 swear <u>or affirm</u> that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any 2 political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the 3 government of the United States or of this state by force or 4 violence; and that during such time as I am in this position I will 5 not advocate nor become a member of any political party or 6 organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the 7 United States or of this state by force or violence. So help me God.

8 If any such officer is not required to give bond, the 9 oath <u>or affirmation</u> shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of 10 State, or of the clerk of the county, city, village, or other 11 municipal subdivision of which he shall be an officer.

Sec. 3. Section 11-101.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

14 11-101.01 All persons in Nebraska, with the exception of executive and judicial officers and members of the Legislature who 15 are required to take the oath prescribed by Article XV, section 1, of 16 the Constitution of Nebraska, who are paid from public funds for 17 their services, including teachers and all other employees paid from 18 public school funds, shall be required to take and subscribe an oath 19 20 or affirmation in writing, before a person authorized to administer oaths or affirmations in this state, and file same with the 21 Department of Administrative Services, or the county clerk of the 22 23 county where such services are performed, which oath or affirmation shall be as follows: 24

25 I, do solemnly swear <u>or affirm</u> that I will

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support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the 1 2 Constitution of the State of Nebraska, against all enemies, foreign 3 and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; 4 that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or 5 for purpose of evasion; and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of according to law, and 6 7 to the best of my ability. And I do further swear or affirm that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or 8 9 organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence; and that during 10 such time as I am in this position I will not advocate nor become a 11 12 member of any political party or organization that advocates the 13 overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence. So help me God. 14

Sec. 4. Section 11-101.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

11-101.02 If any false statement is made in taking either 17 of the oaths or affirmations prescribed in sections 11-101 and 18 19 11-101.01, the person making such false statement shall be deemed 20 guilty of a Class IV felony. No person convicted of perjury in taking 21 the oath or affirmation as prescribed in either section 11-101 or 11-101.01, shall hold any nonelective position, job, or office for 22 the State of Nebraska, or any political subdivision thereof, where 23 the remuneration of such position, job, or office is paid in whole or 24 25 in part by public money or funds of the State of Nebraska, or of any

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1 political subdivision thereof.

2 Sec. 5. Section 13-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

13-1403 When it has been determined by the county board 4 5 or the governing body of any such municipality that it is expedient to establish such board of public docks the county board or the 6 7 governing body of such municipality shall appoint as members of the 8 dock board, seven such commissioners who shall have been residents of the county or municipality, as the case may be, in which they are 9 appointed for a period of not less than five years and shall be 10 prominently identified with the commercial and business interests of 11 12 the county or municipality, as the case may be, and who shall not at 13 the time of their appointment or during their term of office be interested in or be employed by any common carrier; and such board 14 15 shall act without compensation. Of the commissioners initially appointed, three shall serve for a term of one year, three for a term 16 of two years, and one for a term of three years. As the term of 17 office of each commissioner expires, his or her successor shall be 18 19 appointed by the county board or the governing body, and the term of 20 office of such commissioner shall be three years. The commissioners shall qualify by taking an oath or affirmation for the faithful 21 performance of their duties. Within ten days after their appointment 22 23 the commissioners shall meet and organize such board by the election from among their number of a president, a vice president, and a 24 treasurer of the board, and shall elect a secretary who need not be a 25

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member of the board. Any two of the offices except president and vice 1 2 president may be held by one commissioner. The board shall from time 3 to time adopt rules and regulations, consistent with the provisions of sections 13-1401 to 13-1417, for the government of the board and 4 5 its proceedings, which shall be adopted by resolution and shall be 6 recorded in a book kept by the board and known as the book of rules 7 and regulations. The rules and regulations shall be in force after 8 one publication in some legal newspaper published in or circulating in the municipality. The board shall maintain an office and keep a 9 record of all its proceedings and acts, and books of accounts shall 10 at all times be open to public inspection. If any commissioner shall 11 at any time during his or her incumbency cease to have the 12 13 qualifications required by this section for his or her appointment or 14 shall willfully violate any of his or her duties under the law, such 15 commissioner shall be removed by the county board or the governing 16 body after written charges have been preferred against him or her and a due hearing of such charges shall have been had by the county board 17 18 or the governing body upon reasonable notice to such commissioner. 19 Vacancies occurring in the board through resignation or otherwise 20 shall be filled by the county board or the governing body for the 21 unexpired term.

Sec. 6. Section 23-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 23-1804 If any juror fails to appear, the coroner shall 25 cause the proper number to be summoned or returned from the

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bystanders immediately, and proceed to impanel them and administer the following oath <u>or affirmation</u> in substance: You do solemnly swear <u>or affirm</u> that you will diligently inquire and true presentment make, when, how, and by what means the person whose body lies here dead came to his or her death, according to your knowledge and the evidence given you. <u>, so help you God.</u>

7 Sec. 7. Section 23-1807, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9 23-1807 An oath <u>or affirmation shall</u> be administered to 10 the witnesses in substance as follows: You do solemnly swear <u>or</u> 11 <u>affirm that</u> the testimony which you shall give to this inquest, 12 concerning the death of the person here lying dead, shall be the 13 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth<u>.</u>, so help you God. 14 Sec. 8. Section 23-1809, Reissue Revised Statutes of 15 Nebraska, is amended to read:

16 23-1809 The jurors, having inspected the body, heard the 17 testimony, and made all needful inquiries, shall return to the 18 coroner their inquisition in writing, under their hands, in substance 19 as follows, and stating the matter in the following form, as nearly 20 as practicable:

21 State of Nebraska, County. At an inquisition 22 held at, in County, on the day 23 of A.D. 20...., before me,, coroner of such 24 county, upon the body of, lying dead, by the jurors whose 25 names are hereto subscribed, the jurors upon their oath <u>or</u>

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affirmation do say (Here state when, how, or by what 1 2 person, means, weapon, or accident the person came to his or her 3 death, and whether feloniously). In testimony whereof the jurors have 4 hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid. 5 Attest:, Coroner.

6 Sec. 9. Section 29-2009, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 29-2009 When all challenges have been made, the following 9 oath <u>or affirmation</u> shall be administered: You shall well and truly 10 try, and true deliverance make, between the State of Nebraska and the 11 prisoner at the bar (giving his <u>or her name).</u>, so help you God.

Sec. 10. Section 32-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

14 32-305 (1) Any registered voter may apply to the election 15 commissioner or county clerk to be appointed as a deputy registrar 16 for the purpose of registering voters. The application form shall be prescribed by the election commissioner, county clerk, or Secretary 17 of State. The election commissioner or county clerk shall make 18 training available for deputy registrars in the county he or she 19 20 serves. The deputy registrar shall notify the election commissioner 21 or county clerk of the location and time of proposed voter registration and the names and party affiliations of the deputy 22 23 registrars. The election commissioner or county clerk, at his or her 24 discretion, may approve or disapprove the deputy registrar's plans 25 for voter registration and shall notify the deputy registrar of such

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1 decision.

2 (2) Any person appointed as a deputy registrar shall attend a training session conducted by an election commissioner or 3 county clerk. A person who attends and successfully completes a 4 5 training session after January 1, 1995, shall be qualified as a 6 deputy registrar for any county in the state and shall receive a 7 certificate verifying successful completion of the training and 8 indicating his or her qualification as a deputy registrar to conduct registration in any county in the state. 9

10 (3) Before entering upon his or her duties, the deputy 11 registrar shall take and subscribe to the following oath <u>or</u> 12 <u>affirmation</u>:

You do solemnly swear <u>or affirm</u> that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nebraska and will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of deputy registrar according to law and to the best of your ability.

17 (4) In order to remain qualified to conduct voter registration as a deputy registrar in any county in this state, a 18 deputy registrar shall complete a training session at least once 19 20 every three years unless the Secretary of State determines that substantial changes have occurred in the voter registration process 21 requiring additional training. The training session may vary in 22 23 length but shall not exceed four hours. The Secretary of State shall inspect and review all training programs, procedures, and practices 24 to assure that they relate to the position of a deputy registrar and 25

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his or her duties.

2 (5) Any deputy registrar who violates any registration 3 procedure, rule, regulation, or guideline may have his or her status 4 as a deputy registrar revoked by the election commissioner, county 5 clerk, or Secretary of State.

6 Sec. 11. Section 32-330, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is amended to read:

8 32-330 (1) The voter registration register shall be a 9 public record. Any person may examine the register at the office of the election commissioner or county clerk but shall not be allowed to 10 make copies of the register. The electronic records of the original 11 12 voter registrations created pursuant to section 32-301 may constitute 13 the voter registration register. The election commissioner or county 14 clerk shall withhold information in the register designated as confidential under section 32-331. 15

16 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall make available for purchase a list of registered voters that contains the 17 information required under section 32-312 and, if requested, a list 18 19 that only contains registered voters who have voted in an election 20 held more than sixty days prior to the request for the list. The 21 election commissioner or county clerk shall establish the price of the lists at a rate that fairly covers the actual production cost of 22 23 the lists, not to exceed three cents per name. Lists shall be used 24 solely for purposes related to elections, political activities, voter registration, law enforcement, or jury selection. Lists shall not be 25

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1 used for commercial purposes.

2 (3) Any person who acquires a list of registered voters
3 under subsection (2) of this section shall take and subscribe to an
4 oath <u>or affirmation</u> in substantially the following form:

5 I hereby swear <u>or affirm</u> that I will use the list of 6 registered voters of County, Nebraska, only for the purposes 7 prescribed in section 32-330 and for no other purpose and that I will 8 not permit the use or copying of such list for unauthorized purposes. 9 I hereby declare under the penalty of election 10 falsification that the statements above are true to the best of my 11 knowledge.

12 The penalty for election falsification is a Class IV 13 felony.

14 (Signature of person acquiring list)
15 Subscribed and sworn to before me this day
16 of 20...

19 (4) The election commissioner or county clerk shall 20 provide, upon request and free of charge, a complete and current 21 listing of all registered voters and their addresses to the Clerk of 22 the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. Such 23 list shall be provided no later than December 31 of each even-24 numbered year.

25 (5) The election commissioner or county clerk shall

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1 provide, upon request and free of charge, a complete and current 2 listing of all registered voters and their addresses to the state 3 party headquarters of each political party and to the county 4 chairperson of each political party. Such list shall be provided no 5 later than thirty-five days prior to the statewide primary and 6 statewide general elections.

Sec. 12. Section 32-546.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

9 32-546.01 (1) Each learning community shall be governed 10 by a learning community coordinating council consisting of eighteen voting members, with twelve members elected on a nonpartisan ballot 11 12 from six numbered subcouncil districts created pursuant to section 13 32-555.01 and with six members appointed from such subcouncil districts pursuant to this section. Each voter shall be allowed to 14 15 cast votes for one candidate at both the primary and general elections to represent the subcouncil district in which the voter 16 resides. The four candidates receiving the most votes at the primary 17 election shall advance to the general election. The two candidates 18 19 receiving the most votes at the general election shall be elected. A 20 candidate shall reside in the subcouncil district for which he or she is a candidate. Coordinating council members shall be elected on the 21 22 nonpartisan ballot.

(2) The initial elected members shall be nominated at the
statewide primary election and elected at the statewide general
election immediately following the certification of the establishment

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of the learning community, and subsequent members shall be nominated at subsequent statewide primary elections and elected at subsequent statewide general elections. Except as provided in this section, such elections shall be conducted pursuant to the Election Act.

5 (3) Vacancies in office for elected members shall occur 6 as set forth in section 32-560. Whenever any such vacancy occurs, the 7 remaining elected members of such council shall appoint an individual 8 residing within the geographical boundaries of the subcouncil 9 district for the balance of the unexpired term.

10 (4) Members elected to represent odd-numbered districts 11 in the first election for the learning community coordinating council 12 shall be elected for two-year terms. Members elected to represent 13 even-numbered districts in the first election for the learning 14 community coordinating council shall be elected for four-year terms. 15 Members elected in subsequent elections shall be elected for four-16 year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified.

17 (5) The appointed members shall be appointed in November of each even-numbered year after the general election. Appointed 18 members shall be school board members of school districts in the 19 20 learning community either elected to take office the following 21 January or continuing their current term of office for the following two years. For learning communities to be established the following 22 23 January pursuant to orders issued pursuant to section 79-2102, the Secretary of State shall hold a meeting of the school board members 24 25 of the school districts in such learning community to appoint one

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member from such school boards to represent each of the subcouncil 1 2 districts on the coordinating council of such learning community. For 3 subsequent appointments, the current appointed members of the coordinating council shall hold a meeting of the school board members 4 5 of such school districts to appoint one member from such school 6 boards to represent each of the subcouncil districts on the 7 coordinating council of the learning community. The appointed members 8 shall be selected by the school board members of the school districts in the learning community who reside in the subcouncil district to be 9 represented pursuant to a secret ballot, shall reside in the 10 subcouncil district to be represented, and shall be appointed for 11 12 two-year terms and until their successors are appointed and 13 qualified.

14 (6) Vacancies in office for appointed members shall occur upon the resignation, death, or disqualification from office of an 15 16 appointed member. Disqualification from office shall include ceasing membership on the school board for which membership qualified the 17 member for the appointment to the learning community coordinating 18 council or ceasing to reside in the subcouncil district represented 19 20 by such member of the learning community coordinating council. 21 Whenever such vacancy occurs, the remaining appointed members shall hold a meeting of the school board members of the school districts in 22 23 such learning community to appoint a member from such school boards 24 who lives in the subcouncil district to be represented to serve for 25 the balance of the unexpired term.

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1 (7) Each learning community coordinating council shall 2 also have a nonvoting member from each member school district which 3 does not have either an elected or an appointed member who resides in the school district on the council. Such nonvoting members shall be 4 5 appointed by the school board of the school district to be represented to serve for two-year terms, and notice of the nonvoting 6 7 member selected shall be submitted to the Secretary of State by such 8 board prior to December 31 of each even-numbered year. Each such nonvoting member shall be a resident of the appointing school 9 district and shall not be a school administrator employed by such 10 school district. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the school board of such 11 12 school district shall appoint a new nonvoting member and submit 13 notice to the Secretary of State and to the learning community 14 coordinating council.

(8) Members of a learning community coordinating council 15 shall take office on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in 16 January following their election or appointment, except that members 17 appointed to fill vacancies shall take office immediately following 18 administration of the oath of office. Members shall take and 19 20 subscribe the oath or affirmation required in section 11-101. Each 21 voting member elected or appointed prior to April 6, 2010, shall be paid a per diem in an amount determined by such council up to two 22 23 hundred dollars per day for official meetings of the council and the achievement subcouncil for which he or she is a member, for meetings 24 that occur during the term of office for which the election or 25

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appointment of the member took place prior to April 6, 2010, up to a maximum of twelve thousand dollars per fiscal year. Each voting member shall be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable expenses related to service on the learning community coordinating council. Each nonvoting member shall be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable expenses related to service on the learning community coordinating council.

8 Sec. 13. Section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

32-607 All candidate filing forms shall contain the 10 following statement: I hereby swear or affirm that I will abide by 11 12 the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding the results of the 13 primary and general elections, that I am a registered voter and 14 qualified to be elected, and that I will serve if elected. Candidate 15 filing forms shall also contain the candidate's name; residence address; mailing address if different from the residence address; 16 telephone number; office sought; and party affiliation if the office 17 sought is a partisan office. Candidate filing forms shall be filed 18 with the following filing officers: 19

(1) For candidates for national, state, or congressional office, directors of public power and irrigation districts, directors of reclamation districts, directors of natural resources districts, members of the boards of educational service units, members of governing boards of community colleges, delegates to national conventions, and other offices filled by election held in more than

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one county and judges desiring retention, in the office of the
 Secretary of State;

3 (2) For officers elected within a county, in the office 4 of the election commissioner or county clerk. If the candidate is not 5 a resident of the county, he or she shall submit a certificate of 6 registration obtained under section 32-316 with the candidate filing 7 form;

8 (3) For officers in school districts which include land 9 in adjoining counties, in the office of the election commissioner or 10 county clerk of the county in which the greatest number of registered 11 voters entitled to vote for the officers reside. If the candidate is 12 not a resident of the county, he or she shall submit a certificate of 13 registration obtained under section 32-316 with the candidate filing 14 form; and

15 (4) For city or village officers, in the office of the16 election commissioner or county clerk.

Sec. 14. Section 32-918, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

19 32-918 (1) If a registered voter declares to the judge of 20 election that he or she cannot read or that he or she suffers 21 blindness or other physical disability or handicap such that the 22 registered voter requires assistance in the marking of his or her 23 ballot, (a) the registered voter may be assisted in marking his or 24 her ballot by a relative or friend of his or her selection or (b) one 25 judge of election and one clerk of election of different political

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parties may take the ballot or ballots from the polling place to a 1 2 convenient place within the building or to the registered voter's 3 automobile if the automobile is within one block of the polling place and the disabled or handicapped person may cast his or her ballot in 4 5 the general presence of the judge and clerk. If a registered voter 6 declares to the judge of election that he or she needs assistance in 7 the operation of a voting device, a judge or clerk of election may 8 assist the voter in operating the device.

9 (2) The judge and clerk shall give no information regarding the casting of the ballot. Any registered voter receiving 10 assistance in voting the ballot from a judge and clerk shall declare 11 12 to the judge and clerk the name of the candidates and the measures for which he or she desires to vote, and the judge and clerk shall 13 cast his or her ballot only as he or she so requests. No person other 14 15 than the registered voter who is receiving assistance shall divulge 16 to anyone within the polling place the name of any candidate for whom he or she intends to vote or ask or receive assistance within the 17 18 polling place in the preparation of his or her ballot.

19 (3) The judges of election shall enter Assistance 20 Rendered upon the precinct sign-in register near the name of any 21 registered voter who receives such assistance in casting his or her 22 ballot and shall include the name of such person rendering assistance 23 to the registered voter. The person rendering assistance shall sign 24 an oath <u>or affirmation</u> before a judge of election substantially as 25 follows:, hereby swears <u>or affirms</u> that he or she is a 1 friend or relative of, a disabled registered voter who 2 requested assistance in casting the ballot, that he or she did enter 3 the voting booth or aid such voter outside of the voting booth and 4 marked the ballot according to the intentions and desires of the 5 registered voter, that he or she has kept the ballot at all times in 6 his or her possession, and that the ballot was duly delivered to the 7 judge of election on this day of 20....

8 Sec. 15. Section 32-927, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, is amended to read:

10 32-927 If any person offering to vote is challenged by an inspector, judge or clerk of election, or registered voter, the 11 12 person shall, in the presence of an inspector or a judge of election, 13 affix his or her signature and print his or her name and address on the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear or affirm that 14 15 I will fully and truly answer all such questions put to me related to my place of residence and qualifications as a registered voter at 16 this election. The inspector or judge of election shall require the 17 registered voter to comply with sections 32-928 to 32-930 as 18 19 applicable and shall ask any other questions to the person challenged 20 as necessary to test his or her qualifications as a registered voter at that election. 21

Sec. 16. Section 32-931, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 32-931 If a person's right to vote is challenged, the 25 person shall, in the presence of an inspector or a judge of election,

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1	affix his or her signature to the following oath <u>or affirmation</u> : I do
2	solemnly swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the United States,
3	that I have residence in the State of Nebraska, the county
4	of, and this precinct, that I reside at
5	(Address), and that I have attained the constitutionally prescribed
6	age to be a voter. The clerks of election shall write Sworn on the
7	precinct list of registered voters and the precinct sign-in register
8	at the end of such person's name.
9	Sec. 17. Section 32-934, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10	Nebraska, is amended to read:
11	32-934 Any person who desires to vote pursuant to section
12	32-933 shall execute an affidavit in duplicate substantially as
13	follows:
14	I, do solemnly swear <u>or affirm</u>
15	that:
16	1. I am a citizen of the United States.
17	2. Before moving, I resided at the following address
18	(describing it by street and number if in a city or village and by
19	section, township, and range if outside of a city or village, and the
20	precinct, city, county, and state in which such residence is
21	<pre>located):</pre>
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24	3. On the day of the next presidential election, I will
25	be at least the constitutionally prescribed age of a voter and I

1 reside at the following address: 2 3 4 4. I am unable to vote for all offices because the voter 5 registration deadline has passed and, under the Election Act, I believe I am entitled to vote for the candidates for President and 6 7 Vice President of the United States at the election to be held 8 November, 20..... 9 5. I hereby make application for a presidential and vicepresidential ballot. I have not voted and will not vote otherwise 10 than by this ballot for President and Vice President. 11 12 Sec. 18. Section 32-946, Reissue Revised Statutes of 13 Nebraska, is amended to read: 14 32-946 When a registered voter applying for a ballot has no residence address within the county, the election commissioner or 15 county clerk shall mail to the registered voter at the address 16 designated by the voter the requested ballot materials, including a 17 registration application, no later than the third Friday preceding 18 the election pursuant to section 32-941 and shall enclose with the 19 20 material the following oath or affirmation which the voter must swear to or affirm before his or her ballot will be counted: 21 22 I,, do hereby swear or affirm that prior to my current absence from County, Nebraska, I resided within the 23 24 State of Nebraska, that during such residency it was my intention to make my permanent residence in such county, that during my current 25

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absence from such county I have not registered to vote or voted in an 1 2 election in any other jurisdiction as a resident of such other 3 jurisdiction, that I do not intend to make my present residence my permanent residence, that my current absence from such county is 4 5 temporary and for a definite period of time, and that at the б termination of that period I intend to return to County, 7 Nebraska, and make it my permanent residence. I acknowledge that the 8 residence address assigned to me for voting purposes until I return to the county shall be deemed to be that of the office of the 9 election commissioner or county clerk of the county in which my prior 10 11 residence was located.

Sec. 19. Section 32-1013, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is amended to read:

14 32-1013 (1) In each centralized location, watchers may be 15 appointed to be present and observe the counting of ballots. Each 16 political party shall be entitled to one watcher at each location 17 appointed and supplied with credentials by the county central 18 committee of such political party. The district court having 19 jurisdiction over any such county may appoint additional watchers for 20 any location.

(2) The watchers and the members of the counting board shall take the following oath <u>or affirmation</u> administered by the election commissioner or county clerk or an election official designated by the election commissioner or county clerk: I do solemnly swear <u>or affirm</u> that I will not in any manner make known to

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1 anyone other than duly authorized election officials the results of 2 the votes as they are being counted until the polls have officially 3 closed and the summary of votes cast is delivered to the election 4 commissioner or county clerk.

5 (3) All other persons shall be excluded from the place 6 where the counting is being conducted except for observers authorized 7 by the election commissioner or county clerk. No such observer shall 8 be connected with any candidate, political party, or measure on the 9 ballot.

Sec. 20. Section 77-3204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

12 77-3204 (1) The members of a Land Reutilization 13 Commission shall meet immediately after being appointed and qualified 14 and shall select a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary.

(2) Each commissioner shall furnish a surety bond in a 15 penal sum of not less than fifteen thousand dollars, the premium of 16 such bond to be paid by the authority from which the commissioner was 17 appointed or which he or she represents. The bond shall be issued by 18 19 a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Nebraska, 20 shall be conditioned to guarantee the faithful performance of all duties under the Land Reutilization Act, and shall be written to 21 cover all the commissioners. 22

23 (3) Before entering upon the duties of his or her office,
24 each commissioner shall take and subscribe to the following oath or
25 affirmation:

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1	State of Nebraska)
2) ss.
3	County of)
4	I, do solemnly swear <u>or</u>
5	affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and
б	the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, that I will faithfully and
7	impartially discharge my duties as a member of the Land Reutilization
8	Authority of the County of or City
9	of that I will, according to my best knowledge and
10	judgment, administer tax-delinquent lands held by me in trust
11	according to the laws of this state and for the benefit of the public
12	bodies and the tax bill owners which I represent. , so help me God.
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14	Subscribed and sworn to this day of
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16	My commission expires:
17	Notary Public
18	Sec. 21. Original sections 7-104, 11-101, 11-101.01,
19	11-101.02, 13-1403, 23-1804, 23-1807, 23-1809, 29-2009, 32-330,
20	32-918, 32-927, 32-931, 32-934, 32-946, 32-1013, and 77-3204, Reissue
21	Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-305, 32-546.01, and
22	32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.