2022 Nebraska Legislative Changes

Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division

June 23, 2022

Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act

LB 873 - Operative Date: July 20, 2022

The Nebraska Property Tax Incentive (Act) was amended by LB 873 to add property taxes levied on real property in this state by a community college area, not on bonded indebtedness, to those levied by school districts to the amount that property taxpayers can receive back as a refundable income tax credit. The amount of these credits will be established in 2022 at \$50 million dollars increasing each year to \$195 million in 2026 and then increasing by the allowable growth percentage each year thereafter. Allowable growth percentage is defined as the percentage increase in the total assessed value of all real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, not to exceed 5% in a given year.

In addition, the Act increases the amount of refundable income tax credits available to property taxpayers from \$548 million dollars in 2022 to \$560.7 million dollars in 2023, and then increases those credits by the allowable growth percentage each year thereafter.

Finally, this bill lowers the top rate for the state's individual income tax from 6.84% to 5.84% by 2027 and lowers the corporate tax rate on income in excess of the first \$ 100,000 from 7.25% to 5.84% by 2027. LB 873 also accelerates the timeline for the total exclusion of social security benefits from taxation by 2025 rather than 2030 as previously intended.

Transfer of Personal Property by Small Estate Affidavit

LB 1124 – Operative Date: July 18, 2022

LB 1124 changes the maximum value of tangible personal property that may be transferred pursuant to an affidavit without probate from \$50,000 to \$100,000 dollars.

Residential Address Information

<u>LB 1178</u> – Operative Date: July 18, 2022

LB 1178 adds judges as members of law enforcement who may apply to have their residential address withheld from the public by county assessors and registers of deeds. This bill includes all judges for all state and federal courts as well as specialty courts such as juvenile and worker's compensation.