NACO Legislative Report



Final 2024

2024 Legislative Session Adjourns Sine Die

The 108th Nebraska Legislature, Second Session, adjourned sine die on <u>April 18</u>. This Final 2024 Legislative Report is a summary of some of the provisions of interest to counties in bills passed or were considered by the Legislature. The full text of the final version of the bill, called the slip law, can be found on the Legislature's <u>website</u>. Please review the actual legislation for more details and consider discussing the implementation of a particular bill in your county with your county attorney.

Over 600 bills, resolutions and constitutional amendments were <u>introduced</u> this year. Bills that were not adopted in 2024 were indefinitely postponed and will not be carried over to the 2025 session. Numerous bills were amended into other bills and these are noted in parentheses throughout this document.

Most bills will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2024, which is three calendar months after the Legislature's adjournment. Bills passed with a specific operative date or emergency clause become effective on the specified date or the day after the governor's signature. Effective dates other than July 19, 2024 are generally noted within the text or shown at the end of the description.

The 2025 regular session will convene on January 8. Pursuant to <u>Article III, section 10</u> of the Nebraska Constitution, regular sessions of the Legislature commence at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January each year.

The NACO staff appreciates all county officials and employees who responded to requests to contact legislators, testify at hearings, review legislation and answer surveys during this year's session. Your direct involvement is essential to accomplish NACO's legislative goals.

Please contact NACO or your affiliate representative if you have suggestions for possible legislation for NACO to pursue in 2025. NACO's 2025 legislative priorities will be determined following the 19th Annual Legislative Conference in at the new NACO West building on October 11.

Click on the links below for more information about legislation passed this year.

Inheritance Taxes

County Operations

Public Meetings and Open Records

Property Taxes

Interim Study Resolutions
Below is a partial listing of interim study resolutions that will be examined during the coming months. This listing represents only those studies of significant interest and importance to county government. They are listed by number, introducer, description and committee assignment. Public hearings will be scheduled on some resolutions. Hearing dates will be posted on the Legislature's website as they are scheduled. Complete list of the studies are available here and here and here and here .
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Taxes and Valuation
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