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## 2016 Nebraska Legislature Convenes

The Second Session of the 104th Nebraska Legislature will convene at 10:00 a.m. on January 6, 2016. In addition to the 400 to 600 new bills that legislators will introduce during the first ten days of the 2016 legislative session, the Legislature will continue to evaluate over 400 bills that carried over from the 2015 legislative session. Although the majority of these bills will not see any additional action, the Legislature will debate, amend, and pass some of them.

The priorities for the session will likely include property tax relief, economic development initiatives relating to neighborhood revitalization, tax increment financing and workforce housing, regulation of public utilities, and the development of renewable energy resources, such as wind and solar.

Senator Galen Hadley (Kearney), Speaker of the Legislature, also announced the full Legislature will begin debate on carried-over legislation on January 11, while legislative committees will begin committee hearings on new legislation on January 19. The first bills the full Legislature will debate include:

- LB47 (Sen. Dan Watermeier), which requires persons applying for a driver's license or an identification card to answer a question regarding organ donation;
- LB67 (Sen. Paul Schumacher), which provides for government bond priority;
- LB113 (Sen. Tyson Larson), which provides a co-payment for prison inmates' health care services;
- LB 285 (Sen. Merv Riepe), which changes provisions relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; and
- LB619 (Sen. Tyson Larson), which provides for a special designated poker license and a poker endorsement under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

We continue to track other bills, and we attach a summary of them below. A complete list of the legislation carried-over from the 2015 legislative session is available on the Legislature's website, <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want additional information on any pending legislation.

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Bill	Summary	Introducer	Committee	Hearing Date	Current Status
<b>Select File</b>					
<a href="#">LR 7CA</a>	Change length of terms for legislators	Schumacher	Executive Board	2/23/15	Placed on Select File; AM921 and AM822 adopted; Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
<a href="#">LB 423</a>	Change the renewable energy tax credit	Schilz	Revenue	2/25/15	Placed on Select File; AM1550 and AM1498 filed; ER93, AM1103, AM1543, and AM1328 adopted
<b>General File</b>					
<a href="#">LB 28</a>	Adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act	Krist	Health and Human Services	2/27/15	AM708, AM1741, and AM368 filed
<a href="#">LB 131</a>	Prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending assets after receiving a notice of proposed annexation	Craighead, Crawford, Davis, Harr, Howard, Mello, Riepe	Urban Affairs	1/27/15	See LB 324
<a href="#">LB 221</a>	Provide for disposition of a tenant's personal property upon death	Harr	Judiciary	2/6/15	AM467 filed
<a href="#">LB 230</a>	Change provisions regarding the parties that may compel partition	Mello	Revenue	2/19/15	AM752 filed
<a href="#">LB 295</a>	Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Scheer	Urban Affairs	2/3/15	AM323 and AM556 filed
<a href="#">LB 362</a>	Change eminent domain provisions relating to school sites	Krist	Judiciary	3/11/15	Placed on General File

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<a href="#">LB 385</a>	Change provisions relating to forcible entry and detainer and the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	Lindstrom	Judiciary	2/6/15	AM1063 filed
<b>In Committee</b>					
<a href="#">LB 22</a>	Provide immunity under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act during an emergency	Krist	Judiciary	1/21/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 68</a>	Eliminate step-up basis for real estate for determination of capital gains	Schumacher	Revenue	1/22/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 71</a>	Adopt the Agricultural Property Tax Credit Act	Schumacher	Revenue	1/22/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 73</a>	Adopt the Modern Tax Act which imposes a tax on interest paid on certain loans	Schumacher	Revenue	1/30/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 117</a>	Change provisions relating to energy financing contracts between companies and governmental units	Haar	Natural Resources	2/9/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 162</a>	Change provisions relating to land banks and the sale of real property	Schumacher	Revenue	1/29/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 204</a>	Provide a tax credit for certain beer manufacturers	Schilz	General Affairs	2/2/15	See LB 330
<a href="#">LB 210</a>	Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments	Ebke	Revenue	2/12/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 238</a>	Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing under the Community Development Law	Groene	Urban Affairs	2/24/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 293</a>	Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land	Schnoor	Revenue	2/19/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 300</a>	Change provisions relating to enforcement of ordinances by sanitary and improvement districts	Schumacher	Urban Affairs	2/10/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 336</a>	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Condominium Act	Harr	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/3/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 350</a>	Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land	Brasch	Revenue	2/19/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 395</a>	Adopt the Nebraska Enterprise Act and authorize grants for economic development	Schilz	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/10/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 399</a>	Provide Public Service Commission powers regarding transportation network service	Smith	Transportation and Telecom.	3/2/15	In Committee

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<a href="#">LB 406</a>	Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property	Morfeld	Judiciary	2/19/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 407</a>	Change and eliminate provisions relating to certified renewable export facilities	Haar	Natural Resources	3/4/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 438</a>	Change distribution of sales and use tax revenue and create and provide for a fund	Morfeld	Revenue	3/6/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 442</a>	Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Bolz	Appropriations	2/27/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 445</a>	Authorize audits of redevelopment plans that use tax-increment financing	Groene	Urban Affairs	2/24/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 473</a>	Eliminate the power of eminent domain for major pipelines	Chambers	Judiciary	3/11/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 475</a>	Change a provision relating to the construction or acquisition of certain electric generation facilities	Davis	Natural Resources	2/25/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 476</a>	Provide duties for county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator relating to tax-exempt real property	Davis	Revenue	3/5/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 488</a>	Adopt the Transportation Network Insurance Act	Scheer	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/3/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 536</a>	Provide for the filing of an annual report by public power suppliers with the Nebraska Power Review Board	Haar	Natural Resources	2/11/15	In Committee
<a href="#">LB 596</a>	Change the Community Development Law and create the Tax-increment Financing Division of the Auditor of Public Accounts	Davis	Urban Affairs	2/24/15	In Committee