

SUMMARY OF LAWS ENACTED BY 37TH SESSION OF NEBRASKA'S LEGISLATURE

A Brief Digest of All Measures Passed by the Senate and House and Signed by the Governor Which Constitute the Session Laws of 1919

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Lincoln—The following digest of laws enacted by the 1919 Legislature has been prepared with care from the original bills signed by the governor. Laws enacted as "emergency" measures take effect immediately on being signed by the governor. In the following digest all such emergency acts are indicated by an asterisk (*) appearing before the number of the bill. All such laws are now in effect. All other laws take effect on July 18th, next; three months after adjournment of the legislature.

85. Outlines course of study in 8 grade school which pupil must pass with 75 average to be entitled to free high school tuition.
86. All sellers of automobiles and tractors to carry a stock of repairs and parts for same at some point in the state.
87. Revises osteopath law and provides for new board. Permits use of drugs under prescribed conditions.
88. Authorizes cities of first and second class to purchase and operate privately owned public utilities through special condemnation proceedings.
89. Requires examination of all school children for defective sight, hearing, teeth or communicable diseases.
90. Increases salary of county attorney on basis of population.
91. Repeals daily report law relating to water in irrigation ditch and requires owners to install gauge to show amount of water.
92. When real estate mortgage can not be taxed against the mortgagee, owner of real estate to pay taxes on full amount of real estate.
93. Exempts from physical examination applicants for fraternal accident and health insurance.
94. Makes legal the acknowledgment by military officers on all documents affecting title to real estate.
95. Requires sheriff, police chiefs and institution heads to report monthly the commitment of aliens coming under their custody.
96. No pay for juror on days excused from court. Permits extra mileage at discretion of court.
97. Cities of 5 to 25 thousand vote bonds for municipal public utilities by majority vote.
98. Gift to religious or charitable institution of persons not inactivated by uncertainty of persons to be beneficiaries.
99. State bank real estate and fixtures may equal one-third of capital and surplus.
100. Monthly publication of list of persons registering motor vehicles.
101. Publication of official and legal notices and proceedings in English language newspapers only.
102. State to pay for extermination of prairie dogs on state land.
103. Names "written in" non-partisan ballot at primary for county judge and superior judge shall not receive nomination unless vote equal to 10 per cent of vote cast for governor at the last general election.
104. Attempt to steal auto a felony.
105. Ten years imprisonment on conviction.
106. Defines conspiracy to commit felony as agreement of two or more persons to commit the same.
107. Uniform railroad right-of-way law. Cuts Union Pacific down to 200 feet in width through the state.
108. Increases pay of docket clerk for county attorney of Douglas county. Salary, \$1,800 per annum.
109. Liquidated state bank must deposit its notes and funds with state treasurer to credit special fund.
110. Increases interest limit on sewer bonds in second class cities and villages from 5 to 6 per cent.
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112. Amendment to Omaha District Water Board law. Gives widely increased powers to board.
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119. Authorizes construction of court house for Platte county at Columbus.
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122. Sale of lots by cemetery associations if assessment remains delinquent 3 years.
123. Regulating acquiring of title to real estate by non-resident aliens and corporations.
124. Common carrier to pay attorney fees when appeal is taken on loss or damage in transit and carrier loses the appeal.
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126. Omaha real estate taxes become lien on property May 1st of the year following assessment.
127. Omaha may limit height and bulk of buildings and create districts limited to specified business uses.
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129. County board exclusive overseer of the poor including cities, towns and villages.
130. Repeal of former law relating to the care of the poor by towns and minor divisions.
131. Railroad to furnish car at two station for horses and mules when combined shipment makes car load motion.
132. Radical revision of law concerning certificates of school teachers. Abolishes all but state and county certificates. Limits term of certain certificates.
133. City or village may build and operate ice plant. Permits 3 mill levy on vote of the people.
134. Candidate for state superintendent must file petition 30 days prior to election by the state at the date of his election to be eligible to the office.
135. Revised method of condemnation of property for school purposes.
136. Draconic revision of laws confiscating vehicles used in unlawful transportation of liquors. Boats and airplanes added to the law.
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225. Revision of initiative and referendum act. New restrictions as to petitions and circulators.
226. Cooperative companies to distribute profits to patrons and hold stock in other co-ops.
227. Governor may remit court costs when issuing pardon to convict.
228. All public meetings must be conducted in English language. Religious teaching, instruction or worship and lodge meetings excepted.
229. Withdraws protection of guaranty fund from new state bank until 2 years after organization.
230. Rewrites the laws relating to registration of births and deaths and all vital statistics.
231. Governor's memorial to Gen. Pershing requesting discharge of Nebraska soldiers overseas as rapidly as possible.
232. Extends term of water bonds from 20 to 40 years in cities of second class and villages.
233. Governor's bill raising salary of Gen. Neil K. Neil to \$5,000 and Asst. Adj. Gen. to \$4,000.
234. Governor's bill creating Department of Justice headed by Attorney General. Gives attorney general supervision of all actions brought by any department of the state, of all original proceedings and equal power in all counties with county attorneys.
235. Governor's bill extending authority of state fire commissioner to tear down dangerous or condemned buildings.
236. Re-establishing conservation and soil survey bureau.
237. Governor's bill County boards may declare roads to rural high schools as county roads and give same improvement.
238. Governor's bill redistricting the school districts of the state with standard district of 25 square miles. Exceptions, procedure and protest noted in great detail.
239. Repeal of "Soldier's voting law" passed by the special session of 1918.

HOUSE ROLLS.
3. Creates Capital Commission of Governor, State Engineer and three appointed by Governor, to erect new state capitol building. Levies 1 1/2 mill tax for 6 years or total of about five million dollars.
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110. Appropriates \$10,000 for improvements at Oretina and Valentine fish hatcheries.
111. Requires weekly reports of tax collections by treasurers to officers of irrigation districts.
112. State board of election to proceed in strike or lockout at request of either party.
113. Extends double election board to precincts of fifty voters or over.
114. School officer to furnish copy of all child-labor certificates to state labor bureau.
115. Increase salary of chief deputy clerk of court in Douglas county to \$5,000.
116. Increase salary of Omaha fire and police and amends city charter.
117. Providing incorporation for secret, fraternal and other societies.
118. Increased penalties for indecent exposure.
119. Appropriates the proceeds of two and one-half mill tax levy to the various activities of the State University, of which one mill is for general maintenance, three-fourths mill for permanent improvements, salaries, etc., at Lincoln. The Omaha (National College) branch receives \$250,000. Scottsbluff Irrigation School \$50,000. Curtis Agricultural School \$50,000. State station \$50,000. Scottsbluff station \$50,000. Valentine station \$15,000. The total amounting to \$1,600,000 annually.
120. Awards attorney fee to plaintiff when contesting insurance policy in court and securing favorable verdict.
121. Douglas county commissioners to be nominated by districts and elected at large.
122. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities five to twenty-five thousand limited to the corporate limits.
123. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities of second class limited to the corporate limits.
124. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities of first class limited to the corporate limits.
125. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities of metropolitan class to the corporate limits.
126. Jurisdiction of health boards in villages limited to the corporate limits.
127. Cotton duck and canvas coverings to be marked with weight, size, grade, etc.
128. County clerk of Douglas county instead of the county assessor to make up assessor's books.
129. Authorizes Douglas county attorney to employ detective.
130. Releases bank from liability for forged altered or raised check unless claim is made within one year.
131. Changes fee charged for examination of bank and permits more frequent examination.
132. Increased penalties for obstructing ditches along public highways.
133. Prohibits deduction of U. S. bonds from taxable value of a bank's capital stock.
134. For the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases.
135. Increases Omaha maximum school levy from 5 to 6 per cent.
136. Cities of second class may buy or sell water and water, of or to, another municipality.
137. Appropriates \$325 for the relief of Mrs. J. M. Tisor for death of son by accident at Kearney industrial school.
138. Increases maximum levy for public library expenses from three to five mills. Reduces library board to five members on July 1st.
139. Increases salaries to continue when school is closed owing to epidemic.
140. Prohibits public dances on Sunday.
141. Increases salary of water commissioner in cities of second class and villages from \$1,000 to \$1,400.
142. Increases pay of road overseer from \$3 to \$4 per day.
143. Emergency appropriation of \$25,000 to enforce prohibitory law to April 1, 1919.
144. Appropriates \$3,000 for revolving fund for state printer.
145. Amends school board to pay interest annually on building warrants.
146. Creates deputy for Lancaster county attorney at \$1,500 salary.
147. Creates county board of health consisting of sheriff, superintendent and physician.
148. Eliminates the words, "malt, spirituous and vinous liquors" from the misbranding section of the pure food act.
149. Officers of insolvent bank may give surety bond and be permitted to retain control and wind up its affairs.
150. Lincoln school levy in Lincoln raised to 100 mills on 60 per cent vote, authorizes additional tax for new buildings; bond issue of 40 per cent of assessed valuation of the district.
151. Increase maximum state hall insurance to \$15 per acre. New schedule of rates. Premium paid with personal tax.
152. Increased pay of county clerks, treasurers and county judges, based on population.
153. Amending fish and game law as to open season and number of deer and number of deputy game wardens to six.
154. Appropriating cash funds of institutions under the state board of control.
155. Increased salary for deputy election commissioner of Douglas county.
156. Increased salary for public defender in Douglas county and extends term of office.
157. Increase maximum death benefits of fraternal insurance societies. Beneficiary may assign disability policy to secure support.
158. Increases salary of county superintendent based on population.
159. Establishes college of dentistry and business administration at State University.
160. Increases salary of county commissioner from \$4 to \$5 per day. Maximum yearly amount to be paid, based on population.
161. Funds received from U. S. as aid to any state institution shall be paid direct and not to the governor as formerly.
162. Amends and interprets procedure for sale of real estate for delinquent taxes.
163. Prohibits appointment of near relative of officer whose salary received exceeds \$500 per annum.
164. Provides for examination of the books of all county officers under direction of state auditor.
165. Appropriates \$111 for sidewalks along state property at Kearney.
166. Irrigation district may vote as single precinct in irrigation elections.
167. Special instructor of normal training subjects appropriation raised to \$1,000 per annum.
168. County judge receive 25 cents for each certificate sent state board of health.
169. Uniform procedure to quiet title.
170. Forbids display of red or black flag except as commercial danger signal.
171. Establishes vocational schools and appropriates \$100,000 to match equal gift by federal government.
172. Provides division of coat of line fence.
173. County to buy grasshopper poison on petition of 25 per cent of the voters.
174. License for sale of tobacco and permit sale of cigarettes to persons over 21 years of age.
175. Designates 4,200 miles of roads to be known as "state highways" subject to improvement by state and federal aid.
176. Auto license law increasing fee to \$10 and up. Transfers administration to state engineer.
177. Appropriates three mills tax levy to road improvement. Total fund of approximately \$3,000,000 produced by this bill and R. 299.
178. Repeals obsolete law relating to health department.
179. Appropriates \$25,000 to pave street from State to state institution for feeble minded and additional state paving elsewhere. Total \$100,000.
180. Authorizes five mill special levy by county boards to take up floating debt.
181. Appropriating \$100,000 for sanitarium for Soldiers Home at Milford.



DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

THE BLUEJAYS.

"Whistle, whistle, whistle," said Mr. Bluejay.
"Whistle, whistle, whistle," said Mrs. Bluejay.
"Have you had any luck today?" asked Mr. Bluejay.
"Have you?" asked Mrs. Bluejay.
"What do you mean by asking me when you have that sly look in your eyes, Mrs. Bluejay?" asked Mr. Bluejay.
"Well, you may have been up to the same things as I have," said Mrs. Bluejay.
"Then you have had luck," said Mr. Bluejay.
"I have," she answered. "How about you?"
"I have, too," said Mr. Bluejay.
And they both whistled and screamed and said:
"How good it is to be a bluejay and not be so good we can't steal. Ah, we're thieves, we're robbers."
"Tell, Nutty Chum, the squirrel, who was near by, "so you admit that you steal, do you? Now, I know who took my nuts. You like to get nuts and keep them so when you are short of food you will have something hidden away."
"That's a good thing to do," said Mr. Bluejay. "It shows a saving disposition."
"It's not so fine to save," said Nutty Chum, "when you have to steal first. You should go without things and save in that way. Be unselfish."
"Dear Nutty Chum," said Mrs. Bluejay, "if I were you I would practice what I preached. You steal, too. So do your friends, Chippy Chippy.



"Now I Know Who Took My Nuts."

the squirrel, and Bright Eyes, another squirrel.
"You are robbers and thieves," said Nutty Chum.
"Would be friendly," said Mr. Bluejay, "if we didn't steal from each other."
"Yes," said Nutty Chum, "we could go into partnership. Everything you steal you could give to us and everything we steal we could keep for ourselves."
"That's a fine sort of a partnership," said Mr. Bluejay.
"The kind of a partnership I would suggest," said Mrs. Bluejay, "would be a kind where we took everything we stole ourselves and called ourselves the heads of the firm."
"I guess," said Nutty Chum, "we won't agree on the heads of the firm, so we had better not go into partnership."
"Would better not," said Mr. Bluejay, "unless you come to terms and give us all you steal."
"I most certainly won't," said Nutty Chum. "And the very idea of suggesting such a thing. Why, you're more than robbers. You're impertinent."
"Be you sounded," said Mr. Bluejay, and his voice sounded a little like the scolding voice of Nutty Chum, for Mr. Bluejay was fond of making fun of others.
Nutty Chum went away after awhile, for he found that the bluejays would tell him nothing and would give him nothing to eat, and he couldn't steal from them when they were right there to see him.
So he told his friends, Bright Eyes and Chippy Chippy, about the bluejays, and said he thought they had just had a very successful robbery, so they had better see what they could do later on.
"I've stolen birds' eggs, straw from a nest and twigs," said Mrs. Bluejay. "I'm going to nest in that young pine tree, over there, and lay four blue-green eggs with brown specks."
"I've stolen eggs, too," said Mr. Bluejay.
"Where robbers, all right," said Mrs. Bluejay.
"Where," said Mr. Bluejay, "we are, but we are handsome robbers. We're beautiful birds, too."
"That's so, we are," said Mrs. Bluejay. "But I don't suppose it is any comfort to the creatures we steal from to know that beautiful birds stole from them. They think we're ugly, because we're robbers."
"Well, I don't know that I blame them when I think about it," said Mr. Bluejay. "It's not much comfort to think that those who robbed them were beautiful, and it is so that we are so naughty."
"Sad," said Mrs. Bluejay, "but what are we going to do about it?"
"We'll always be naughty," winked Mr. Bluejay.
"And we'll always be robbers, too," chuckled Mrs. Bluejay.

SENATE FILES.

1. Joint resolution ratifying national prohibitory amendment.
2. Governor McKelvie's "Civil Administrative Code." A radical reorganization of the civil administration of the state government in all executive departments.
3. Joint resolution memorializing U. S. Senate to pass national amendment for woman suffrage.
4. County boards to appoint a jail physician, also a jail matron if female is jailed.
5. No alien may hold an appointive public office.
6. Prohibits all public officers from accepting an alien to any public office.
7. District judge to receive \$15 per day when sitting as board of condemnation.
8. All public notices by corporations to be filed with county clerk in home county and with secretary of state.
9. County board proceedings, tax sales, etc., to be officially published in English language newspapers only.
10. Authorizes counties, townships, cities and villages to erect memorials to soldiers and sailors.
11. Railroads must furnish sleeping quarters for horses and stock trains and spot caboose at stations.
12. Salary of court bailiffs in Douglas and Lancaster counties.
13. County, city and village boards must publish budget within 30 days, also an annual itemized financial statement.
14. Prohibits the use of any other than English language in schools, public, private or parochial, below the 9th grade.
15. Increases salary of county assessors on basis of population and precinct assessor to \$5 per year.
16. Increases maximum school levy to 100 mills on approval of 60 per cent of the voters in districts of 100 pupils or over.
17. Increases maximum levy general fund in cities of one to five thousand population from 15 mills to 25 mills.
18. Extends life of supreme court commission two years.
19. Pupil in high school may finish school year without payment of tuition when parents remove from district.
20. Alien can not vote at school elections.
21. Increases fees of county surveyors and provides fixed salaries at discretion of county board in counties under 50,000 population.
22. Increases salary of county highway commissioner and permits surveyor to be also commissioner and fixes salary.
23. State bank may carry two-fifths of cash reserve in Liberty bonds.
24. Relieves state bank from requirements of state reserve law if bank conforms to national reserve system.
25. Permits state bank to loan fifteen times the amount of deposits and surplus. Easement privilege same as national bank if member of federal reserve system.
26. State railway commission to have specific authority over safety, sufficiency and efficiency of common carriers.
27. Increases salary of probation officer in Douglas county.
28. County assessor to be highway commissioner in counties under 50,000 if qualified.
29. County boards under 40,000 population may improve county roads on majority petition and provide the zone basis of assessing cost of improvement.
30. Maximum school levy, cities over 1,000, increased to 100 mills. School bonds may issue without vote on petition of 51 per cent of all legal voters.
31. Repeals law relating to appropriation of sewage water.
32. Course of study in district school shall embrace all subjects required for second grade certificate.
33. Cities of 5 to 25 thousand may vote \$100,000 bonds for city hall, auditorium or other public building.
34. Cities of 5 to 25 thousand may refund bonded debt at 6 per cent on two-thirds vote of council.
35. District court reporter at request of litigant shall record all statements of the judge made in the presence of the jury.
36. Omaha school district may borrow 70 per cent of unexpended school levy at 6 per cent during one year note.