



EPIC OPTION BASICS

For the 2026 People-Powered Petition Drive to Eliminate Nebraska Property Tax

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FACT #1: On May 21, 2024, our 2024 EPIC Option petition drive met the first requirement for ballot placement by securing signatures from at least 5% of registered voters in 38 counties. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and resources before reaching the total 124,000 signatures requirement.

FACT #2: Lobbyist and special interest pressure blocked Governor Pillen and the Legislature from enacting meaningful property tax relief during the 2024 legislative session and in the 2024 Special Tax Session, they retroactively raised your 2023 property taxes. So, burdensome property taxes continue to force many retirees, young families, and graduates to leave Nebraska.

FACT #3: In parts of Nebraska, property tax valuations have risen over 20% annually for three years, totaling a 72% increase --- an unsustainable burden for households.

FACT #4: The 2026 EPIC Option petition language is: **"A Constitutional Amendment to eliminate Nebraska personal and real property taxes; personal and corporate income taxes; and inheritance taxes."** States that eliminated income and inheritance taxes have seen economic and population growth. Nebraska will have state sales, consumption, and excise taxes to fund state government. The 2027 Legislature will be tasked with broadening the sales tax base to keep tax rates low."

FACT #5: From 1867 to 1966, Nebraska successfully funded local governments by collecting taxes centrally in Lincoln and redistributing them to counties & cities based on their budgets. The 2026 EPIC Option revives this proven model.

FACT #6: EPIC Option is following the same process used by Nebraska voters in 1966 when that constitutional amendment eliminated property taxes as the only funding source for state government. The 1967 Legislature was required to define replacement revenue sources to pay for state government. Our 2027 Legislature will be tasked with the same action because our Nebraska Constitution requires a balanced budget.

FACT #7: As long as property taxes exist, homeowners are actually renting from the government. If you miss property tax payments of three years, the state can seize and sell your home.

FACT #8: No one loses their home over unpaid sales taxes, but hundreds have lost homes, farms, and ranches due to unpaid property or inheritance taxes.

OTHER KEY INFORMATION:

A. Families have cut non-essential spending during tough times for decades, so government should do the same. Government budgets must prioritize essential services and eliminate waste and low priority services.

B. We, the citizens, get the government we deserve. Years of low citizen oversight have led to today's high taxes. It's time for citizens to build relationships with elected officials, scrutinize budgets, and demand accountability.

C. Educating the voters is a major investment. How many dollars can EPIC Option potentially save of your annual property taxes? How many dollars is that in the next 10 years? Please donate by sharing some of that potential savings to help fund voter education for advertising in social media, outdoor billboards, radio and television ads.

**Let your voice be heard! You can help place EPIC Option on the 2026 ballot.
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