

## **EPIC Option Made Simple**

## **EPIC Option Basics**

- 1. Eliminates all Nebraska property, income, inheritance, corporate, and sales taxes.
- 2. Imposes a Consumption Tax rate on all services and new goods at a rate of below 8%.
- 3. There will be no taxes on groceries.
- 4. Eliminates double taxation.
  - A. Imposes a Consumption Tax only on services and new goods.
    - a. No taxes on used cars.
    - b. No taxes on previously owned homes.
  - B. No Consumption Tax on gas or diesel fuel because fuel is subject to an excise tax.
  - C. No Consumption Tax on insurance premiums because insurance premiums are subject to a premium tax, which is an excise tax.
  - D. No taxes on business to business transactions.
    - a. No taxes on a farmer's combine, baler, seed, or fertilizer.
    - b. No taxes on a business's tools, office equipment, or shelving.
- 5. The Consumption Tax is fair to all Nebraskans.
  - A. Currently 60% of Nebraskans pay 100% of the taxes.
    - a. Now all Nebraskans will contribute.
    - b. No special tax exceptions for Government agencies and non-profits.
- 6. EPIC Option will be achieved in two steps.
  - A. Step 1: Vote of the people to amend the Nebraska State Constitution on November, 2024 ballot.
    - a. So Nebraska cannot collect property, income, inheritance or corporate taxes, and can only collect excise taxes and the consumption tax.
      - 1. Ballot Language: "A Constitutional Amendment to restrict governmental entities in Nebraska to imposing only retail consumption taxes and excise taxes. This amendment will eliminate Nebraska personal and real property taxes; personal and corporate income taxes; sales taxes and inheritance taxes."
    - b. So groceries cannot be taxed.
      - Ballot Language: "A Constitutional Amendment allowing the Legislature to authorize governmental entities to impose consumption taxes on services and new goods with the limitation that only grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption may be exempted from the tax."
    - c. Once voted into the Nebraska State Constitution, these amendments can only be changed by another vote of the people and cannot be changed by the Legislature.
  - B. Step 2: Vote of the Legislature.
    - a. On the implementation of EPIC Option with Legislative Bill LB79, Amendment AM314.
      - 1. States no Consumption Tax on used items such as vehicles, houses, and clothes.
      - 2. States no Consumption Tax on business-to-business transactions.
      - 3. Defines the Consumption Tax percentage rate.
      - 4. Defines how the Consumption Tax is collected and distributed.
    - b. This allows changes to be made which benefit Nebraskans.
  - C. As the economy increases and the tax revenue grows due to the EPIC Option, the Legislature can vote to decrease the Consumption Tax percentage rate.



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