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Overview

This bill makes various changes in the law that governs section and quarter-section markers.

- 1 Preserving corners.** Makes various technical and substantive changes in marker preservation law.

Subdivision 1. Technical. Makes technical and stylistic changes.

Subd. 2. Manner of placement. Deletes specific size requirements for corner markings and witness monuments placed to mark section and quarter-section corners when the original markers are destroyed or obliterated by highway construction or maintenance. Requires such markers to be placed in such a way that they will not be disturbed by routine maintenance. Deletes the requirement that a metal plug be inserted in a paved highway and substitutes a requirement for a supplemental marker placed over the durable monument, visible from the surface and set to be protected from routine snowplowing. Allows a durable metal marker to be set as a permanent witness monument on the section or quarter-section line when a corner marker in a highway surface is not practical or safe.

Subd. 3. Technical. Makes a technical correction.

Subd. 4. Filing of certificate. Deletes a reference to engineers filing certificates of markers and monuments with the county recorder. Allows such filing to be in the office of the county surveyor in counties that have a surveyor, rather than in the office

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of the county recorder.

Subd. 5. Certificate. Makes technical and stylistic changes.

Subd. 6. Cost of placing markers. Makes a technical change.

- 2 Approval of plats.** Deletes the requirement that when a county board requires plats to be approved by the county surveyor, the county surveyor must maintain a full-time office in the county. Allows such approval to be made by another licensed land surveyor hired by the county.