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Overview

This bill sets time limits for land surveyors to file or record certificates that establish the location of corner markers and other monuments and markers that are the key to surveys. It also provides that if the certificates are not filed within 30 days, then the field notes and other related materials to establishing corner markers must be filed with the county surveyor or county engineer and available to the public.

Section

- 1 Filing of certificate; fee.** Requires a land surveyor who places and establishes a section marker or monument to file the certificate in the office of the county surveyor, if there is a full-time county surveyor's office, no later than one year after placing or establishing the marker or monument. This section applies in situations where markers had to be disrupted for highway construction.

Provides for the certificate to be recorded with the county recorder in counties in which there is no full-time office of the county surveyor.

Requires the land surveyor to file a copy of the survey notes, including the field ties, in the county surveyor's office or, if no full-time county surveyor's office, the county engineer's office, if the certificate is not filed or recorded within 30 days of placement. This information must be available to the public for inspection.

Effective August 1, 2005, and applies to markers and monuments placed and established on

or after that date.

- 2 Surveyor, employment.** Requires a surveyor hired by a county to preserve, restore and mark corners to file a certified copy of final survey, with a plat, no later than one year after preserving, restoring and marking the corners in the office of the county surveyor, if there is a full-time county surveyor office, or if there is not, to record the same with the county recorder.

If the surveyor does not file or record the certificate within 30 days of placing or establishing the marker or monument, then the surveyor must file a copy of the survey notes, including field ties, with the office of the county surveyor or, if not a full-time office, with the county engineer. The notes must be available to the public until the certificate is filed or recorded.

Effective August 1, 2005, and applies to corners preserved, restored and marked on or after that date.

- 3 U.S. public land survey monument record.** Requires a land surveyor to file or record the certificate no later than one year after perpetuating or restoring the survey corner. If the certificate is not filed within 30 days, then the survey notes and other materials must be filed and available to the public. This section applies to all surveyors, including private sector surveyors who perpetuate or restore markers as part of a survey job done for a private client.

Effective August 1, 2005, and applies to corners perpetuated or restored on or after that date.

- 4 Compensation, records.** Requires a county to transfer to the county recorder for recording, all certificates of location of corners filed with the full-time county office of county surveyor if that office is to be closed.

Effective August 1, 2005.