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Overview

Makes changes in laws governing the Geospatial Information Office.

Section

- 1** **Discretionary powers.** Strikes authority for the office to enter into contracts, receive grants, appoint task forces, and sponsor conferences.
- 2** **Geospatial Advisory Council.** Repeals the state government Geospatial Advisory Council, leaving in place a geospatial advisory council that has representatives from state and local government and the private sector. Strikes a June 30, 2015 expiration date for this council.
- 3** **Electronic geospatial data.** Defines electronic geospatial data for purposes of the law governing the Geospatial Information Office.
- 4** **Government sharing of electronic geospatial data.** Requires that electronic geospatial government data created by a government entity must be shared at no cost with other government entities, higher education, and federal and tribal agencies. Provides that government entities sharing and receiving this data are immune from civil liability from use of electronic geospatial data.
- 5** **Repealer.** Repeals section 16E.30 subdivision 4 (duties of chief geospatial information office), and subdivision 5 (fees for providing information services and products).