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- **1, 2 and 4 Perpetuation of corners.** Provides for consistent terminology, simplification, and clarification of terms dealing with the permanent marking of corners in sections 160.15 and 381.12. Provides for the placement of corner, reference, or witness monuments and certification of government corners.
- **3** Certificate of notarial acts. Provides for options to the use of a notary stamp on mylars.
- 5 Plats and surveys in counties. Grammatical change.
- 6 Plat format. Directs that an official plat be labeled as "official plat" and that a copy shall be labeled as "copy" in the center top margin. This language has been moved to section 505.021, subd. 1, from section 505.04.
- 7 Mathematical data; dimensions; labels; symbols. Directs that text used on plats must be at done in at least 8 point type.
- **Easements.** Provides for coordinated references to drainage and utility easements and public ways in sections 505.21, subd. 7 and section 505.01, subd. 3.
- **9 Certifications.** Clarifies, through a statutory cross reference, what is being certified to when a county surveyor approves a plat.
- **Real estate taxes; recording; copies.** Provides options, through statutory cross reference to section 505.021, subd. 1, to the requirements for copies of plats that include both registered and non-registered property. Moves "official plat" and "copy" requirements to section 505.021, subdivision 1.

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- 11 Informal; for information. Provides for an exception to requirements for maps or plats.
- **Standards for documents to be recorded for filed.** Provides exceptions, through statutory cross references, to recording standards for survey documents.
- Survey; requisites; filing; copies. Provides requirements for certification by a surveyor that the registered land survey is a correct representation of unplatted land. Provides for ink, film thickness, and text size requirements. Requirements create consistent requirements between registered land surveys and plats.
- **Repealer.** Repeals current law language relating to preserving section or quarter-section corners and approval of plats, surveys, and condominium plats.