



S.F. No. 59 – Assessment and repair of public land survey monuments; procedures for counties to alter preestablished boundary lines (1st Engrossment)

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S.F. 59 requires counties to conduct an assessment of land survey monuments within their borders and repair any that are destroyed or obscured. The bill also sets out procedures for counties to alter preestablished property boundary lines.

Section 1 requires a county board to employ a land surveyor to install a durable magnetic monument to mark a public land survey corner when the county board determines that the monument established by the United States in the public lands survey to mark the corner has been destroyed or obscured. Current law provides that a county board may, but is not required to, do the foregoing.

Sections 2 and 3 provide that if a county seeks to alter a preestablished property boundary line, and there is no action pending under sections 508.671 or 559.23 to have a court judicially determine boundary lines, then the county must follow the procedures for judicial determination provided in section 508.671. The county is responsible for expenses related to land surveys and filing and recording the petition and final order.

Section 4 requires that, on or before December 31, 2027, counties must conduct a comprehensive assessment of monuments established by the United States public land survey within their boundaries. Counties must preserve and restore all monuments that are destroyed or obscured on or before December 31, 2028.



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