

**CHAPTER 54. SURVEYORS
REVISED STATUTES OF 1846**

CHAPTER 14
Chapter 14. Of County Officers.
COUNTY SURVEYORS.

54.95 County surveyor; abolition of office; reestablishment of office; eligibility for election or appointment; bond.

Sec. 95. (1) The county board of commissioners, by resolution, may abolish the office of county surveyor. Action to abolish the office shall be taken before May 15 of the year in which county officers are elected. The term of office of a county surveyor shall not be shortened by that action. The office may be reestablished in the same manner and subject to the same time limitations as is provided for the abolition of the office. If reestablished, the effective date of the reestablishment shall be January 1 of the year in which county officers assume office. A person shall not be eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of county surveyor unless licensed as a land surveyor in accordance with the occupational code, Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 339.101 to 339.2721 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) As determined by the county board of commissioners, the county surveyor either shall be covered by a blanket bond or shall give a bond to the people of this state, in the penal sum of \$2,000.00, with 2 sureties to be approved by the county treasurer, conditioned for faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of office.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 443;—CL 1871, 585;—How. 614;—CL 1897, 2617;—Am. 1915, Act 229, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915;—CL 1915, 2479;—CL 1929, 1391;—CL 1948, 54.95;—Am. 1964, Act 255, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1964;—Am. 1978, Act 635, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1979;—Am. 1988, Act 25, Eff. Jan. 1, 1989.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 96.

54.96 County surveyor; deputies, appointment, revocation; oath of office.

Sec. 96. Each county surveyor may appoint 1 or more deputies, and may revoke such appointment at pleasure; which appointment and revocation shall be in writing, under his hand, and filed with the county clerk, and such deputies shall take the constitutional oath of office; and for the faithful performance of the duties of their office by such deputies, the said surveyor and his sureties shall be responsible.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 444;—CL 1871, 586;—How. 615;—CL 1897, 2618;—CL 1915, 2480;—CL 1929, 1392;—CL 1948, 54.96.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 97.

54.97 County surveyor; certificates as evidence.

Sec. 97. The certificate of the surveyor or his deputy, of any survey made by him of any lands in the county, shall be presumptive evidence of the facts therein contained, unless such surveyor or deputy shall be interested therein.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 445;—CL 1871, 587;—How. 616;—CL 1897, 2619;—CL 1915, 2481;—CL 1929, 1393;—CL 1948, 54.97.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 98.

54.98 County surveyor; requested surveys.

Sec. 98. The county surveyor, in person or by deputy, shall make and execute such surveys within his county, as may be required of him by order of any court, or by application of any person therefor.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 446;—CL 1871, 588;—How. 617;—CL 1897, 2620;—CL 1915, 2482;—CL 1929, 1394;—CL 1948, 54.98.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 99.

54.99 Interest disqualification; surveys by surveyor of adjoining county.

Sec. 99. Whenever a survey may be required of any land, in which the county surveyor or either of his deputies shall be interested, or when from any cause there shall be no surveyor or deputy surveyor of the county to be found or able to act, such survey may be made by the surveyor of an adjoining county or either of his deputies in like manner, and to the same effect as if such survey had been made by the surveyor of the county where the land is situated.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 447;—CL 1871, 589;—How. 618;—CL 1897, 2621;—CL 1915, 2483;—CL 1929, 1395;—CL 1948, 54.99.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 100.

54.100 County surveyor; record book, contents, certification; field notes, preservation, index, certificate; deposit, fireproof vault, location; public inspection; bookkeeping requirement.

Sec. 100. Each county surveyor shall record in a suitable book, to be provided by him at the expense of the county, all surveys for permanent purposes made by him and his deputies, also surveys for township highways and village plats. The record of each survey shall set forth the evidence by which the surveyor determined or identified the corners or other starting points of his survey, describing the points fully, and also setting forth whatever means were taken by him to perpetuate them upon the ground or to assist in determining and preserving their location. The record shall show the object of the survey and the methods pursued by the surveyor in making it, diagrams of plats being used to illustrate the same when necessary or convenient to do so. Upon the diagrams shall be shown the courses and distances of such boundary lines as may have been located by the survey, and such other facts as may have been determined by it. Such diagrams shall be considered a part of the record. When the courses of the lines are given by the magnetic needle, the record shall show the amount and direction of the allowance made by the surveyor for the difference between the magnetic meridian and the true meridian. The record shall show the date of the survey, the name of the person or persons for whom it was made, and the persons employed as chainmen on the survey. The surveyor shall certify upon the record that he has carefully compared the record with the original field notes taken by him at the time of the survey, and that it is a true statement of the facts of such survey, as shown by said original notes. Each county surveyor and his deputies shall keep the original field notes of all surveys made by them for permanent purposes, in books of convenient size and well bound in leather, to be furnished by the county surveyor, at the expense of the county. These notes shall be taken and set down in the manner in which field notes of the United States surveys are kept, and shall contain all the details of each survey, in the order in which the survey was made, including in full all calculations made by the surveyor to determine areas, or for measuring inaccessible distances, such as lake and river crossings, or for any other purpose required by the survey. Diagrams may be used for purposes of illustration, but shall not be used instead of the written notes required to be kept. Each field book shall contain an index referring to the surveys of which it contains the field notes. It shall also contain the certificate of the surveyor who made the surveys, that the field notes therein contained are the complete original field notes of the surveys within referred to and described. These original field notes shall be a part of the record required to be kept by the county surveyor, and the books containing them shall be deposited and kept with the other surveyor's records of the county. Each deputy county surveyor, whenever 1 of these books shall be filed with field notes by him, shall deposit the same in the office of the county surveyor, and whenever his own term of office expires, shall turn over to the county surveyor such books as have been partly filled by him. The county surveyor shall keep the field notes and other county surveyor's records in a fireproof vault, in an office at the county seat, to be designated by the board of supervisors as a depository for the same, excepting that this shall not apply to the field books which are required to be used in the field by the surveyor in making his surveys, during the time when such books are thus being used. The field notes and records required by this act shall be accessible to the public at any time, subject to such regulations as may be provided by the board of supervisors. The county surveyor and his deputies shall keep the records of their surveys required by this act written up in full for each month within 7 days after the close of the month.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 448;—Am. 1861, Act 260, Eff. June 15, 1861;—Am. 1869, Act 140, Eff. July 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 590;—Am. 1881, Act 103, Imd. Eff. Apr. 22, 1881;—How. 619;—Am. 1889, Act 100, Eff. Oct. 2, 1889;—CL 1897, 2622;—Am. 1905, Act 79, Eff. Sept. 16, 1905;—CL 1915, 2484;—CL 1929, 1396;—CL 1948, 54.100.

Compiler's note: Act 79 of 1905 contained a section 2, which repealed Act 195 of 1899.

54.101 County surveyor; delivery of records to successor, neglect, penalty.

Sec. 101. When the term of office of any county surveyor shall expire, or he shall resign or be removed, he shall deliver over all the books and papers relating to his office, to his successor therein, and any county surveyor who, on the expiration of his term of office, or on his resignation or removal, shall neglect for the space of 1 month after his successor shall be elected or appointed and qualified, to deliver such books and papers as aforesaid, and any executor or administrator of any deceased county surveyor, who shall neglect for the space of 1 month to deliver to such successor all such books and papers which shall come to his hands, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than 10 nor more than 50 dollars, and a similar sum for every month thereafter during which he shall so neglect to deliver the same as aforesaid.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 449;—CL 1871, 591;—How. 620;—CL 1897, 2623;—CL 1915, 2485;—CL 1929, 1397;—CL 1948, 54.101.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 102.

Former law: See section 1 of Act 54 of 1845.

54.102 County surveyor; contract for copies of original federal surveys, payment, binding; records of former surveyors, payment; admissible as evidence.

Sec. 102. The county surveyor shall contract with the commissioner of the state land office, or with any person having possession of the same, for certified copies of the field notes and plats of the original surveys by the United States, of the lands of his county, and if such contract be approved by the board of supervisors of his county, the county surveyor shall, upon receiving such copies, direct the county clerk to draw an order upon the treasurer of his county for the amount so agreed upon, and transmit it to the said commissioner, or other person to whom it may be due, and shall have said plats and field notes substantially bound in book form, which shall be kept open in the said county surveyor's office for the benefit of the public; and all records of surveys, field notes and calculations made by any former county surveyor since the organization of the state government, and now in the hands of such former county surveyor, or of any other person, shall, on demand of the county surveyor of the proper county, be immediately delivered to him as a part of the records and files of his office, and the boards of supervisors of the several counties shall respectively audit and allow to the persons entitled thereto, such sum as they shall deem a reasonable compensation for the expense of the books containing such records. All such records of surveys, field notes, and calculations made by any former county surveyor, which have been or shall have been on file in the office of either the county surveyor, register of deeds or county clerk for a period of 15 years or upward, even though such records or the certification thereof shall not conform to the requirements specified in section 100 of this act, shall be admissible in evidence of the facts they contain in any court of record in this state.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 450;—Am. 1869, Act 140, Eff. July 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 592;—How. 621;—CL 1897, 2624;—Am. 1915, Act 196, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915;—CL 1915, 2486;—CL 1929, 1398;—CL 1948, 54.102.

Compiler's note: The office of commissioner of the state land office, referred to in this section, was abolished and the powers and duties thereof transferred to the public domain commission by MCL 322.221. The public domain commission was subsequently abolished and the powers and duties thereof transferred to the department of conservation by MCL 299.2. The department of conservation was subsequently transferred to the department of natural resources by MCL 16.352.

This section as originally enacted was numbered section 103.

54.103 Survey principles.

Sec. 103. All surveys made by county surveyors in this state, must be made in accordance with the following principles, when applicable:

First, All corners that can be identified by the original field notes, or other unquestionable testimony, shall be regarded as the original corners, and must not be changed while they can be thus identified;

Second, Extinct interior-section corners must be re-established, at proportional distances as recorded in the original field notes from the nearest known point in the original section line, east and west, north and south from such extinctsection corner;

Third, Any extinct quartersection corner, except on fractional section lines, must be re-established equidistant and in a right line between the section corners; in all other cases, at proportional distances between the nearest known points in the original line;

Fourth, Central quarter corners of whole sections, and of fractional sections adjoining the north and west boundary of townships, must be established at the intersection of 2 right lines connecting their opposite quarter section corners respectively. It shall be the duty of county surveyors to perpetuate the original corners they may work from, by noting new bearing trees where timber is near. They shall also perpetuate the principal corners made by themselves in the same manner.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 451;—Am. 1865, Act 223, Eff. June 22, 1865;—Am. 1869, Act 140, Eff. July 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 593;—Am. 1881, Act 103, Imd. Eff. Apr. 22, 1881;—How. 622;—CL 1897, 2625;—CL 1915, 2487;—CL 1929, 1399;—CL 1948, 54.103.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 104.

54.105 Residents' corners and lines; re-location, perpetuation, survey; expenses, allocation; refusal to pay, lien.

Sec. 105. Whenever the majority of the resident owners of any section or part or parts of any section of land in this state, after having given at least 10 days' notice to all other persons or their agents owning land in the same section, or part or parts of the section, as the case may be, who reside in the township, shall desire to have their corners and lines, or any of them established, re-located or perpetuated, such surveyor shall proceed to make the required surveys and the expense thereof shall be borne by all the persons benefited in proportion to the amount of work done for each, to be determined by the surveyor, and if any person thus benefited,

whether a non-resident or otherwise, shall refuse or neglect to pay his share of such expense, such surveyor shall certify the same and to whom due, to the supervisor of the proper township, who shall assess it upon the land of such person to be collected and paid to the county treasurer in the same manner as state and county taxes; and paid by the said county treasurer on the order of the county surveyor.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 453;—Am. 1869, Act 140, Eff. July 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 595;—How. 624;—Am. 1895, Act 240, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 2627;—CL 1915, 2488;—CL 1929, 1400;—CL 1948, 54.105.

54.105a Residents' corners and lines; re-location, perpetuation, survey requested; refusal to pay surveyor's charges, assessment.

Sec. 105a. If any person, after having requested the county surveyor to establish, relocate or perpetuate the corners and lines of land owned by such person, shall refuse or neglect to pay for such services after due performance thereof, such surveyor shall certify the lawful charges for the same and to whom due to the supervisor of the proper township, who shall assess it upon the land so surveyed, to be collected and paid to the county treasurer in the same manner as state and county taxes, and paid by the said county treasurer on the order of the county surveyor.

History: Add. 1899, Act 248, Eff. Sept. 23, 1899;—CL 1915, 2489;—CL 1929, 1401;—CL 1948, 54.105a.

54.106 County surveyor and deputy; compensation; determination; expenses and fees; liability for trespass.

Sec. 106. (1) Each county surveyor and each deputy of the county surveyor shall be entitled to receive for his or her services, a compensation of not more than \$8.00 per day, or the salary as the county board of commissioners fixes, including the time of traveling to and from the place of making the survey, together with all necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties, and 50 cents for recording each description, and 50 cents for each certificate or copy of a certificate, to be paid by the person for whom the services are rendered. The county surveyor or a deputy shall not be liable to prosecution in an action of trespass for entering upon land in the discharge of an official duty.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), for a county which has a county officers compensation commission, the compensation of the county surveyor of that county shall be determined by that commission.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 454;—Am. 1861, Act 260, Eff. June 15, 1861;—Am. 1867, Act 108, Imd. Eff. Mar. 26, 1867;—Am. 1869, Act 140, Eff. July 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 596;—How. 625;—CL 1897, 2628;—Am. 1915, Act 229, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915;—CL 1915, 2490;—CL 1929, 1402;—Am. 1939, Act 119, Eff. Sept. 29, 1939;—CL 1948, 54.106;—Am. 1978, Act 489, Imd. Eff. Dec. 1, 1978.

RIGHT OF ENTRY BY SURVEYORS
Act 115 of 1976

AN ACT to provide surveyors with a right of entry and to limit liability.

History: 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.121 "Surveyor" defined.

Sec. 1. As used in this act, "surveyor" means any of the following:

- (a) A surveyor employed by the government of the United States of America or this state.
- (b) A person who is a land surveyor registered in this state.
- (c) A person who is under the direct supervision of a person who is a surveyor under subdivision (a) or (b), and carrying on his person sufficient identification as to employer.

History: 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

54.122 Right of entry; identification of vehicle.

Sec. 2. (1) A surveyor may enter upon public or private lands or waters in this state except buildings, for the purpose of making a survey.

(2) A vehicle used for or during entry pursuant to this section shall be identified on the exterior by a proper and ethical sign listing name, address, and telephone number of the surveyor or firm.

History: 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

54.123 Liability.

Sec. 3. A surveyor making an entry pursuant to section 2 shall be liable only for actual damage to crops or other property, or for actual damage due to negligence of the surveyor during the entry.

History: 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

54.124 Forfeiture of claim for damage or injury.

Sec. 4. The surveyor by his entry shall forfeit any and all claim for damage or injury to his person and equipment while on the lands or waters, unless the damage or injury is caused by the intentional tortious conduct of another.

History: 1976, Act 115, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1976.

CORNER RECORDATION ACT
Act 74 of 1970

AN ACT to protect and perpetuate land survey corners; to require the establishment of monuments and the recording of information concerning original and protracted public land survey corners; to prescribe the duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; to require the promulgation of rules; and to prescribe penalties.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 1975, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.201 Short title; corner recordation act.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "corner recordation act".

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970.

54.202 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Accessory", means any exclusively identifiable physical object whose spatial relationship to the corner is recorded on a land corner recordation certificate that has been filed under this act.

(b) "Corner" means an original public land survey corner, a protracted public land survey corner, a property controlling corner, a witness monument, or a property corner.

(c) "County representative" means the individual performing the duties of county representative under section 9 of the state survey and remonumentation act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.269.

(d) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

(e) "Land corner recordation certificate" means a written record for a corner in the form prescribed under section 5 that is to be filed as provided by this act.

(f) "Monument" means a marker that occupies the position of a corner and that possesses or is made to possess a magnetic field.

(g) "Original public land survey corner" means a corner established and monumented pursuant to orders and instructions issued by the United States government for the purposes of delineating the United States public lands and private lands or subdividing the public lands for conveyance.

(h) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

(i) "Property controlling corner" means either of the following:

(i) A position misidentified as and used as an original public land survey corner or as a protracted public land survey corner that serves to control property.

(ii) A corner that does not lie on a property line of a property but that controls the location of 1 or more of the property corners of the property.

(j) "Property corner" means a geographic point on the surface of the earth that is on, is a part of, and controls a property line.

(k) "Protracted public land survey corner" means any of the following:

(i) A closing quarter section position along a township or range line or a center quarter section position that was not actually monumented on the ground in the field notes of the original federal government survey, but that serves to complete the nominal half-mile grid of government corners.

(ii) A monumented position that is not an original public land survey corner, that lies on a section line or quarter line near a body of water, and that serves to define the section line or quarter line in lieu of a submerged government position or an omitted meander position.

(iii) A section or quarter section corner that appears by the field notes and plats of the United States survey of this state, on file in the state archives, to have been omitted and not properly established or monumented.

(l) "Reference monument" means an accessory that is employed if the site of a corner is such that a monument cannot be set or is liable to destruction or if occupation of the site provides for unsafe conditions.

(m) "Surveyor" means a professional surveyor who is licensed to practice professional surveying under article 20 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2001 to 339.2014.

(n) "Witness monument" is an accessory that is a monumented point near a corner. A witness monument is established only if it is impracticable to occupy the site of a corner with a monument. A witness monument is a witness to the true corner point. If the true point for a corner falls at an inaccessible place, such as on a precipitous slope or cliff where the corner cannot be monumented, a witness monument is established at a

suitable point where the monument may be permanently constructed.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 1975, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976;—Am. 1988, Act 26, Eff. May 1, 1988;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.203 Original public land survey corner; completion and filing of land corner recordation certificate.

Sec. 3. If an original public land survey corner is used by a surveyor, not more than 90 days after the original public land survey corner is used, the surveyor shall complete, sign, seal, and file with the register of deeds of the county where the original public land survey corner is situated, a land corner recordation certificate for the original public land survey corner, unless the original public land survey corner monument and its accessories are as described in an existing land corner recordation certificate that has been filed under this act.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.203a Protracted public land survey corner; completion and filing of land corner recordation certificate.

Sec. 3a. If a protracted public land survey corner is monumented by a surveyor, or if a previously monumented protracted public land survey corner is used by a surveyor, not more than 90 days after the protracted public land survey corner is monumented or used, the surveyor shall complete, sign, seal, and file with the register of deeds of the county where the protracted public land survey corner is situated a land corner recordation certificate for the protracted public land survey corner, unless the protracted public land survey corner monument and its accessories are as described in an existing land corner recordation certificate that has been filed under this act.

History: Add. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.203b Property controlling corner; recordation.

Sec. 3b. If a property controlling corner has been recorded or used as an original public land survey corner or protracted public land survey corner, the property controlling corner must be recorded on the same land corner recordation certificate required to be filed under section 3 or 3a.

History: Add. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.204 Corner record; completion and filing of land corner recordation certificate.

Sec. 4. If sections 3, 3a, and 3b do not apply, a surveyor who monuments or uses a corner may complete, sign, seal, and file with the register of deeds of the county where the corner is situated a land corner recordation certificate for the corner.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.205 Land corner recordation certificate; information to be included; promulgation of rules.

Sec. 5. (1) The department, by rule, shall prescribe the information that must be included in a land corner recordation certificate and the form in which a land corner recordation certificate must be presented and filed.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to implement this act.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.206 Preservation of completed land corner recordation certificate; numerical order; placement of book and page number on index; public inspection; filing fee.

Sec. 6. (1) A register of deeds shall receive for filing a completed land corner recordation certificate and preserve it in a hardbound book. The books must be numbered in numerical order as filed.

(2) A register of deeds shall number land corner recordation certificates in numerical order as they are filed.

(3) A register of deeds shall place the book and page number in which a land corner recordation certificate is filed on an index provided by the register of deeds for that purpose.

(4) A register of deeds shall make the records described in this section available for public inspection during all usual office hours.

(5) A register of deeds shall determine the fee for filing a land corner recordation certificate as provided in section 2567(1)(a) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2567.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 1975, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976;—Am. 1988, Act 26, Eff. May 1, 1988;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.207 Monumenting corner and each accessory to corner; physical condition; witness monument; reference monuments; report.

Sec. 7. (1) If a land corner recordation certificate is required to be filed under this act, the surveyor shall monument the corner, record and identify each accessory to the corner, and leave the monument in such a physical condition that it remains as permanent a monument as is reasonably possible.

(2) If a witness monument is set, the surveyor may monument the corner and shall set the witness monument as follows:

(a) In a secure location.

(b) On a line of survey or protracted line of survey as shown on the general land office plats that intersects the corner.

(c) As close to the corner as practicable.

(3) A surveyor who sets a witness monument under subsection (2) shall report on the land corner recordation certificate the relation between the witness monument and the true corner and the direct connecting course and distance from the corner to the witness monument.

(4) If a surveyor sets reference monuments, the surveyor shall install at least 4 reference monuments interrelated and visible with the corner and each other by angular and linear measurements. If a surveyor sets reference monuments, the surveyor is not required to set the corner.

(5) A surveyor who sets reference monuments under subsection (4) shall report all of the following on the land corner recordation certificate:

(a) The relation between the reference monuments and the corner.

(b) The direct connecting courses and distances between the reference monuments and the corner.

(c) The distances between each reference monument and the 2 reference monuments that are closest to the reference monument.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.208 Signing, dating, and sealing land recordation certificate.

Sec. 8. A land corner recordation certificate may not be filed unless it is signed, dated, and sealed by the surveyor. However, for a certificate prepared by or on behalf of an agency of the United States government or this state, the certificate must be approved, signed, dated, and sealed by the surveyor in responsible charge of the agency and may also be signed by the chief of the survey party making the survey.

History: 1970, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1970;—Am. 1988, Act 26, Eff. May 1, 1988;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

54.209 Repealed. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to corners previously established.

54.210 Monuments; placement; magnetic field.

Sec. 10. (1) When set, a monument shall possess a magnetic field, be at least 1/2 inch in diameter and a minimum of 18 inches in length, and be legibly capped showing the license number of the surveyor.

(2) Unless it is to be set in a public roadway, a monument shall be set with not less than 2/3 of its length below the surface of the surrounding ground.

(3) If a corner is located in a public roadway and the roadway is not hard-surfaced at the corner, the monument shall be placed at least 6 inches below the surface of the roadway.

(4) If a corner is located in a public roadway and the roadway is hard-surfaced at the corner, whether by concrete, asphalt, or otherwise, the monument, including, but not limited to, a monument set before the effective date of the 2000 amendatory act that amended this section, shall be visible or contained within a visible protected enclosure and shall comply with any requirements of the agency having jurisdiction over the roadway.

(5) If a corner to be monumented is located on a rock outcropping, the monument shall be an iron bar at least 1/2 inch in diameter, drilled and grouted into solid rock to a depth of at least 8 inches.

History: Add. 1975, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000.

54.210a Repealed. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to monuments furnished by county.

54.210b Repealed. 1988, Act 26, Eff. May 1, 1988.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to coding, indexing, and transfer of corner records.

54.210c Effect of noncompliance.

Sec. 13. Failure to comply with the provisions of this act is sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of a surveyor.

History: Add. 1975, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976;—Am. 1988, Act 26, Eff. May 1, 1988;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000.

54.210d Defacing, destroying, altering, or removing monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument; penalty; temporary removal; resetting and rewitnessing; report.

Sec. 14. (1) Except as provided in this subsection or subsection (2), a person who defaces, destroys, alters, or removes a monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both, and is responsible for the costs of reestablishment and replacement of the monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument and filing of the associated land corner recordation certificate by a surveyor. This subsection does not apply to an accessory that is on private property.

(2) A monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument may be temporarily removed for construction purposes if the corner is properly witnessed by a surveyor before removal. A monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument that is removed under this subsection must be reset and rewitnessed and an associated land corner recordation certificate filed by a surveyor within 30 days after the completion of the construction. A monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument shall not be temporarily removed for more than 1 year.

(3) A person who knows that a monument, accessory, witness monument, or reference monument has been defaced, destroyed, altered, or removed shall report that fact in writing to the county representative and the county prosecutor of the county in which the corner is located.

History: Add. 1975, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976;—Am. 1988, Act 26, Eff. May 1, 1988;—Am. 2000, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000;—Am. 2014, Act 420, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2014.

CERTIFIED SURVEYS

Act 132 of 1970

AN ACT to provide for the filing of surveys in the office of the register of deeds relative to land divisions; and to prescribe the conditions of the survey.

History: 1970, Act 132, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.211 Certified true copy of survey; recordation; exemptions.

Sec. 1. (1) If a survey is made to describe a parcel for the division of a parcel or tract under sections 108 to 109b of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.108 to 560.109b, the grantor or lessee shall, at or before the time the property is conveyed or leased, record in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which the land is located a certified true copy of the original survey map that complies with section 3, unless the professional surveyor who prepared the survey has already done so.

(2) If a survey is made to describe a parcel in a conveyance of title or a parcel as created in a lease for a term of 1 year or longer, the grantor or lessor, at or before the time the property is conveyed or leased, shall record with the register of deeds in the county in which the land is located a certified true copy of the original survey map that complies with section 3, unless the professional surveyor who prepared the survey has already done so.

(3) The requirements of this act are in addition to those of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.101 to 560.293. Land platted under that act, land surveyed under section 66 of the condominium act, 1978 PA 59, MCL 559.166, or land previously surveyed and recorded and for which no change in boundary description is made from a previously recorded survey, need not be recorded under this act.

History: 1970, Act 132, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971;—Am. 1972, Act 280, Eff. Jan. 1, 1973;—Am. 2018, Act 193, Eff. Sept. 18, 2018;—Am. 2023, Act 238, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.

54.212 Certified survey map; requirements; permanent markers for corners; exception.

Sec. 2. (1) A certified survey map shall meet the requirements of this section and section 3. A certified survey map must be prepared only by a professional surveyor licensed in this state.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), each corner of the survey shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be monumented in the field with a permanent marker that possesses a magnetic field unless previously monumented with iron stakes.

(b) Be capped with a device legibly showing the last 5 digits of the license number of the professional surveyor placing the monument.

(c) Include both of the following:

(i) Points of intersection of boundary or lot lines with highways, streets, alleys, section lines, and meander lines.

(ii) Corners of the United States Public Land Survey from which the parcel or parcels are described.

(3) If a monument cannot conveniently be set because of a physical obstruction such as pavement, a large rock, a large root, or a utility cable, the following apply:

(a) Subject to subdivision (b), the professional surveyor shall do both of the following:

(i) Establish an alternative monument that is permanent and identifiable, such as a drill hole or an "X" chiseled in concrete.

(ii) Reference the corner by bearing and distance from 2 different monumented corners of the survey.

(b) If compliance with subdivision (a) is not feasible, the professional surveyor shall monument the corner in any practical manner and show its relationship on the certified survey map.

History: 1970, Act 132, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971;—Am. 1988, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Feb. 25, 1988;—Am. 2023, Act 238, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.

54.213 Survey map; requirements.

Sec. 3. (1) The certified survey map under sections 1 and 2 must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Bear the seal and signature of the professional surveyor who surveyed the parcel or parcels.

(b) Be prepared on durable white paper 8-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches long.

(c) Be prepared by computer aided drafting (CAD), typed, lettered, or otherwise reproduced legibly with nonfading ink pursuant to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.406.

(d) Have lines at a scale indicated in writing numerically and by graphic bar scale, and have text of a size readily legible for the line scale selected.

(e) Give a clear, concise description of the land surveyed by bearings and distances, commencing with a corner position marked and established in the United States Public Land Survey, or reestablished by accepted methods.

(f) For land not included in a platted subdivision or condominium, include the exterior boundaries of the land surveyed and divided, together with the line or lines leading to the United States Public Land Survey corner, or corners, from which the land is described.

(g) Define a boundary along a lake or stream by an intermediate traverse line connecting the side boundaries of the parcel.

(h) If a lot in a recorded platted subdivision is surveyed or divided, reference the exterior boundaries of the lot to existing lot corners and the controlling monuments used for that survey.

(i) If the boundary of the parcel follows or parallels a section line, all of the following requirements:

(i) One of the following requirements:

(A) The section line shall be defined at its extremities by corners established in the United States Public Land Survey, by corners reestablished by accepted methods, or by protracted quarter section corners, whether or not the protracted quarter section corners are monumented under the state survey and remonumentation act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.261 to 54.279.

(B) Other protracted division lines shown in the United States Public Land Survey shall be defined at their extremities by corners established pursuant to accepted survey methods.

(ii) Each corner of the United States Public Land Survey shall be witnessed under the corner recordation act, 1970 PA 74, MCL 54.201 to 54.210d.

(iii) The certified survey map shall indicate the kind of object, the bearings and distances to the object, and the kind of monument and material of the monument marking the corner.

(j) Define a curved boundary or a curved highway, street, or lot line as follows:

(i) If the curve is contained within the line, by the points of curvature and tangency and compound curvature, central angle, length of arcs, radius, and length and bearing of the long chord.

(ii) If the curve is only partially contained within the line, by the length of arc along the curve, radius, and length and bearing of the short chord.

(iii) If the curve is not regular, by traverse courses and distances.

(k) If an exterior boundary line shows a bearing or length that varies from that recorded in an abutting plat, condominium, or certified survey map, include the following note along the line: "previously recorded as (show bearing or length or both)".

(l) Include all of the following:

(i) The length and bearing of each line.

(ii) The width of the right-of-way of each street, highway, alley, and easement.

(iii) The distance on a boundary or lot line from the point of intersection with an intermediate traverse line to the water's edge of any inland lake or stream and the date of the survey to the water's edge.

(iv) A north arrow properly oriented.

(v) A certification by the professional surveyor that the map meets the requirements of this subsection.

(2) The register of deeds shall accept certified survey maps prepared pursuant to this section upon payment of the fee as provided in section 2567(1)(a) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2567. The register of deeds shall consecutively number the maps and record them in bound volumes or in a manner adapted to a system of preserving records pursuant to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.406. The maps shall be known as the "certified survey maps of county", and shall be kept as a part of the land records of the county. The register of deeds shall keep a separate card file or electronic file of the county land records system. The file shall be indexed within the land records system. The file shall specify the unique identifying number or liber and page of the recorded surveys in the bound volume or other record. The specification shall be by the section, township, and range and, if the map is a resurvey within a recorded plat, by the title of the plat.

History: 1970, Act 132, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971;—Am. 1988, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Feb. 25, 1988;—Am. 1992, Act 183, Imd. Eff. Oct. 5, 1992;—Am. 2018, Act 193, Eff. Sept. 18, 2018;—Am. 2023, Act 238, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.

SECTION CORNERS AND QUARTER POSTS
Act 149 of 1883

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of the several counties in this state to provide for ascertaining, preserving and maintaining the original section corners and quarter posts, as surveyed and recorded by the original survey, and to repeal Act No. 159 of the session laws of 1877, Act No. 205 of the session laws of 1879 and Act No. 73 of the session laws of 1881.

History: 1883, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.221 Section corners and quarter posts; establishment, records; referendum, tax levy, limitation.

Sec. 1. That the boards of supervisors of the several counties in this state are hereby authorized to establish and perpetuate any government section corners or quarter posts in their respective counties, which they may have good reason to believe are lost or are in danger of being lost, by the employment of a surveyor therefor, who shall keep a full and complete record of his work, giving in detail the evidences by which any corner is identified, also the manner in which any lost corner is identified, also the manner in which lost corners are reestablished; which record shall be kept in the same book provided by the county for surveyors' records, and kept in the office of the county surveyor, and the record so made and entered by the surveyor aforesaid, shall be received as evidence in all the courts of this state wherein any question may arise as to the establishment or identification of such corner or corners: Provided, That such work shall be done only in such townships where a majority of the voters, voting, shall vote to raise such sum as is required, not exceeding 250 dollars for any 1 township of 36 sections, or in that proportion for townships of greater or lesser size, for such work by any surveyor authorized to do such work, as provided in section 1 of this act: And provided further, That nothing in this act shall apply to lands where section and quarter section lines are already properly established. Such sum to be assessed upon the real estate of such township, according to its cash value. Such assessment to be levied and the taxes therefrom collected in the same manner as other assessments and collection of taxes are made.

History: 1883, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883;—How. 510a;—CL 1897, 2511;—CL 1915, 2329;—CL 1929, 1183;—CL 1948, 54.221.

54.222 Section corners and quarter posts; marking; removal, penalty.

Sec. 2. The surveyor as above employed shall sink into the earth at all section and quarter post corners from the surface to a depth of at least 3 feet, a column of broken brick, charcoal, broken stones, or other easily distinguishable substance, of a diameter of at least 3 inches, and carefully describe the same in the records of his survey, and also to mark and record new witness trees wherever possible to do so, and if any person shall wilfully cut down, destroy, deface or injure any living witness tree, or remove a corner post in any shape, as above established, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than 25 dollars nor more than 50 dollars.

History: 1883, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883;—How. 510b;—Am. 1889, Act 71, Eff. Sept. 8, 1889;—CL 1897, 2512;—CL 1915, 2330;—CL 1929, 1184;—CL 1948, 54.222.

MICHIGAN COORDINATE SYSTEMS

Act 9 of 1964

AN ACT to describe, define, and officially adopt certain systems of coordinates for designating the position of points on or near the surface of the earth within this state.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.231 Michigan coordinate system of 1927 and Michigan coordinate system of 1983 established; division of state into north zone, central zone, and south zone.

Sec. 1. (1) The systems of plane coordinates which are established by the NOAA/NGS for defining and stating the positions of points on or near the surface of the earth within this state shall be known and designated as the Michigan coordinate system of 1927, or MCS 27, and the Michigan coordinate system of 1983, or MCS 83.

(2) For the purpose of the use of these systems, the state is divided into a north zone, a central zone, and a south zone.

(3) The area included in the following counties constitutes the north zone: Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Marquette, Dickinson, Menominee, Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, and Mackinac.

(4) The area included in the following counties constitutes the central zone: Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, and Arenac.

(5) The area included in the following counties constitutes the south zone: Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, Bay, Huron, Muskegon, Montcalm, Gratiot, Saginaw, Tuscola, Sanilac, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Clinton, Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Monroe.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.231a Definitions.

Sec. 1a. As used in this act:

(a) "Coordinates" means the x and y plane rectangular coordinate values computed for a geographic position from a pair of mutually perpendicular axes. These axes are the meridian and parallel, defined in sections 5 and 5a, whose intersection defines the origin of each zone.

(b) "FGCC" means the federal geodetic control committee of the United States department of commerce or a successor agency to the committee.

(c) "NOAA/NGS" means the national oceanic and atmospheric administration/national geodetic survey or a successor agency to the administration.

History: Add. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.232 Land description.

Sec. 2. (1) As established for use in the north zone, the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used, shall be designated, respectively, the Michigan coordinate system of 1927, north zone, or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983, north zone.

(2) As established for use in the central zone, the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used, shall be designated, respectively, the Michigan coordinate system of 1927, central zone, or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983, central zone.

(3) As established for use in the south zone, the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used, shall be designated, respectively, the Michigan coordinate system of 1927, south zone, or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983, south zone.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.233 Use of coordinates.

Sec. 3. The coordinates for a point on or near the earth's surface that are used to express the geographic position of that point in the appropriate zone of this system shall consist of 2 distances. Each distance shall be expressed in United States survey feet (1 foot = 12/39.37 meters) and decimals of a survey foot if using the Michigan coordinate system of 1927, or shall be expressed in meters and decimals of a meter or in international feet (1 foot = 0.3048 meter) and decimals of an international foot if using the Michigan coordinate system of 1983. One of these distances, to be known as the "x-coordinate", shall give the position in an east and west direction; the other distance, to be known as the "y-coordinate", shall give the position in a north and south direction. The coordinates shall depend upon and conform to values published by the NOAA/NGS for the monumented points of the North American horizontal geodetic control network, the coordinates of which monumented points were computed on the systems designated in this act.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.234 Tract extending from 1 coordinate zone into another coordinate zone; reference to boundaries.

Sec. 4. If a tract of land is defined by a single description and extends from 1 into another of the coordinate zones described in section 1, the positions of all points on the tract's boundaries may be referred to either of the 2 zones. The zone which is used for reference shall be specifically named in the description.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.235 Michigan coordinate system of 1927; definition; determination of position.

Sec. 5. (1) For the purposes of more precisely defining the Michigan coordinate system of 1927, the following definition by the NOAA/NGS is adopted:

(a) The Michigan coordinate system of 1927, north zone, is a Lambert conformal projection of the Clarke spheroid of 1866, magnified in linear dimension by a factor of 1.0000382, having standard parallels at north latitudes 45 degrees 29 minutes and 47 degrees 5 minutes, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 87 degrees zero minutes west of Greenwich and the parallel 44 degrees 47 minutes north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x = 2,000,000 feet and y = 0 feet.

(b) The Michigan coordinate system of 1927, central zone, is a Lambert conformal projection of the Clarke spheroid of 1866, magnified in linear dimension by a factor of 1.0000382, having standard parallels at north latitude 44 degrees 11 minutes and 45 degrees 42 minutes, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 84 degrees 20 minutes west of Greenwich and the parallel 43 degrees 19 minutes north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x = 2,000,000 feet and y = 0 feet.

(c) The Michigan coordinate system of 1927, south zone, is a Lambert conformal projection of the Clarke spheroid of 1866, magnified in linear dimension by a factor of 1.0000382, having standard parallels at north latitude 42 degrees 6 minutes and 43 degrees 40 minutes along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 84 degrees 20 minutes west of Greenwich and the parallel 41 degrees 30 minutes north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x = 2,000,000 feet and y = 0 feet.

(2) The position of the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 shall be as determined from horizontal geodetic control points established throughout the state in conformity with the standards of accuracy and specifications for first order or second order geodetic surveying as prepared and published by the FGCC, the geodetic positions of which control points were rigidly adjusted on the North American datum of 1927 and the coordinates of which were computed on the Michigan coordinate system of 1927.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.235a Michigan coordinate system of 1983; definition; determination of position.

Sec. 5a. (1) For purposes of more precisely defining the Michigan coordinate system of 1983, the following definition by the NOAA/NGS is adopted:

(a) The Michigan coordinate system of 1983, north zone, is a Lambert conformal projection of the North American datum of 1983, having standard parallels at north latitudes 45 degrees 29 minutes and 47 degrees 5 minutes, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 87 degrees zero minutes west of Greenwich and the parallel 44 degrees 47 minutes north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x = 8,000,000 meters and y = 0 meters.

(b) The Michigan coordinate system of 1983, central zone, is a Lambert conformal projection of the North American datum of 1983, having standard parallels at north latitude 44 degrees 11 minutes and 45 degrees 42 minutes, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the

meridian 84 degrees 22 minutes west of Greenwich and the parallel 43 degrees 19 minutes north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: $x = 6,000,000$ meters and $y = 0$ meters.

(c) The Michigan coordinate system of 1983, south zone, is a Lambert conformal projection of the North American datum of 1983, having standard parallels at north latitude 42 degrees 6 minutes and 43 degrees 40 minutes, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 84 degrees 22 minutes west of Greenwich and the parallel 41 degrees 30 minutes north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: $x = 4,000,000$ meters and $y = 0$ meters.

(2) The position of the Michigan coordinate system of 1983 shall be as determined from horizontal geodetic control points established throughout the state in conformity with the standards of accuracy and specifications for first order or second order geodetic surveying as prepared and published by the FGCC, the geodetic positions of which control points were rigidly adjusted on the North American datum of 1983 and the coordinates of which were computed on the Michigan coordinate system of 1983. Standards and specifications of the FGCC in force on the date of a survey shall apply to that survey.

History: Add. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.236 Presentation of coordinates for recording; contents of recording document.

Sec. 6. Coordinates based on either Michigan coordinate system described in this act, purporting to define the position of a point or a land boundary corner, shall not be presented to be recorded unless the recording document contains an estimate, expressed as a standard deviation, of the positional tolerance of the coordinates being recorded. The recording document shall also contain a description of the nearest first or second order horizontal geodetic control monument from which the coordinates being recorded were determined and the method of survey for that determination. If the position of the described first or second order geodetic control monument is not published by the NOAA/NGS, the recording document shall contain a certificate signed by a land surveyor licensed under article 20 of the occupational code, Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 339.2001 to 339.2014 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which certificate states that the described control monument and its coordinates have been established and determined in conformance with the specifications given in section 5 or 5a.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.237 Use of coordinates on map, report of survey, or other document.

Sec. 7. (1) The use of the term Michigan coordinate system of 1927 on a map, report of survey, or other document shall be limited to coordinates based on the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 as defined in section 5.

(2) The use of the term Michigan coordinate system of 1983 on a map, report of survey, or other document shall be limited to coordinates based on the Michigan coordinate system of 1983 as defined in section 5a.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.238 Describing location of survey station or land boundary corner; conflicting descriptions.

Sec. 8. (1) For the purpose of describing the location of a survey station or land boundary corner in the state of Michigan, it shall be considered a complete, legal, and satisfactory description of that location to give the position of the survey station or land boundary corner by the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983.

(2) If the Michigan coordinate system of 1927 or the Michigan coordinate system of 1983 is used to describe a tract of land which in the same document is also described by reference to a subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land surveys, or to a subdivision plat duly recorded in accordance with the subdivision control act of 1967, Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, being sections 560.101 to 560.293 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the description by coordinates shall be construed as supplemental to the basic description of the subdivision, line, or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed of record, and in the event of a conflict, the description by reference to the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land surveys, or to the recorded subdivision plat, shall prevail over the description by coordinates.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

54.239 Sole system after December 31, 1989.

Sec. 9. The Michigan coordinate system of 1927 shall not be used after December 31, 1989. The Michigan coordinate system of 1983 shall be the sole system used after December 31, 1989.

History: 1964, Act 9, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1988, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988.

COUNTY SURVEYOR ABOLISHED
Act 196 of 1941

AN ACT to abolish the office of county surveyor in counties having a population of 500,000 or over; and to provide a referendum thereon.

History: 1941, Act 196, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.251 County surveyor in counties over 500,000; office abolished.

Sec. 1. The office of county surveyor in counties having a population of 500,000 or over, according to the latest federal census is hereby abolished.

History: 1941, Act 196, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942;—CL 1948, 54.251.

54.252 Referendum on adoption of act; ballot, form.

Sec. 2. The provisions of this act shall not become operative in any county of the state to which it may apply unless and until it is submitted to a vote of the qualified electors voting thereon at the next general election after the passage of this act or after any such county shall reach a population of 500,000 or over. Like notice of the submission of the adoption of the provisions of this act shall be given as is required by law in the case of elections to elect county officers, and such question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

"Shall the provisions of Act No. (here insert number of this act) of the Local Acts of 1941, providing for the abolishing of the office of county surveyor in counties having a population of 500,000 or over, be adopted by this county?

Yes ()

No ()."

If a majority of the electors voting on such proposition in any such county, as determined by the canvass of votes cast, shall vote in favor thereof, from and after such determination, the provisions of this act shall be in force, and the office of county surveyor in such county shall be abolished.

History: 1941, Act 196, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942;—CL 1948, 54.252.

STATE SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION ACT

Act 345 of 1990

AN ACT to create a state survey and remonumentation commission and to prescribe its powers and duties; to create the state survey and remonumentation fund and to provide for its use; to coordinate and implement the monumentation and remonumentation of property controlling corners in this state; to provide for powers and duties of certain state and local officers and agencies; and to require the promulgation of rules.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of the state survey and remonumentation commission, with the exception of powers and duties of the executive director, from the department of commerce to the director of the department of consumer and industry services, see E.R.O. No. 1996-2, compiled at MCL 445.2001 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For transfer of the powers and duties of the executive director of the survey and remonumentation commission to the director of the department of consumer and industry services, and the abolishment of the position, see E.R.O. No. 1996-2, compiled at MCL 445.2001 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For the transfer of all statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the commission to the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by type III transfer and the abolishment of the commission, see E.R.O. No. 2024-2, compiled at MCL 16.735.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.261 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "state survey and remonumentation act".

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of the state survey and remonumentation commission, with the exception of powers and duties of the executive director, from the department of commerce to the director of the department of consumer and industry services, see E.R.O. No. 1996-2, compiled at MCL 445.2001 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For transfer of the powers and duties of the executive director of the survey and remonumentation commission to the director of the department of consumer and industry services, and the abolishment of the position, see E.R.O. No. 1996-2, compiled at MCL 445.2001 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For the transfer of all statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the commission to the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by type III transfer and the abolishment of the commission, see E.R.O. No. 2024-2, compiled at MCL 16.735.

54.262 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

- (a) "Commission" means the state survey and remonumentation commission created in section 3.
- (b) "County plan" means a county monumentation and remonumentation plan and perpetual monument maintenance plan established under section 8.
- (c) "County representative" means the individual obligated to perform the duties of county representative under section 9.
- (d) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (e) "Fund" means the state survey and remonumentation fund created in section 11.
- (f) "Monumentation" means all land surveying activities performed by a surveyor to monument a protracted public land survey corner under this act and in accordance with the laws of this state.
- (g) "Original public land survey corner" means a corner established and monumented pursuant to orders and instructions issued by the United States government for the purposes of delineating United States public lands and private lands or subdividing public lands for conveyance.
- (h) "Property controlling corner" means either of the following:
 - (i) A position misidentified as and used as an original public land survey corner or as a protracted public land survey corner that serves to control property lines.
 - (ii) Any other corner approved by the department, acting in consultation with the commission.
- (i) "Protracted public land survey corner" means either of the following:
 - (i) A closing quarter section position along a township or range line or a center quarter section position that was not actually monumented on the ground in the field notes of the original United States government survey, but that serves to complete the nominal half-mile grid of government corners.
 - (ii) A monumented position that is not an original public land survey corner, lying on a section line or quarter line near a body of water, that serves to define the section line or quarter line in lieu of a submerged government position or an omitted meander position.
- (j) "Remonumentation" means all land surveying activities performed by a surveyor to perpetuate a previously monumented original public land survey corner, protracted public land survey corner, or property controlling corner as provided in this act.

(k) "Surveyor" means a professional surveyor who is licensed to practice professional surveying under article 20 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2001 to 339.2014.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 1998, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 6, 1998;—Am. 2010, Act 260, Eff. Dec. 22, 2010;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.263 State survey and remonumentation commission; creation; membership; terms; vacancy; compensation; expenses.

Sec. 3. (1) The state survey and remonumentation commission is created in the department.

(2) The commission shall consist of 7 members. By January 1, 2015, the governor shall appoint the members, with the advice and consent of the senate, as follows:

(a) Two members shall be appointed to represent the general public.

(b) One member must be a grant administrator appointed under section 9a.

(c) The remaining 4 members must be surveyors, 1 of whom must also be serving as a county representative. The 4 members appointed under this subdivision must be residents of the following areas of this state:

(i) One must be a resident of the Upper Peninsula, 1 must be a resident of the area of the Lower Peninsula that is north of the survey township line lying between survey township 16 north and survey township 17 north, and 1 must be a resident of the area of the Lower Peninsula that is south of the survey township line lying between survey township 16 north and survey township 17 north.

(ii) One must be a member at large, and may be a resident of any area of this state.

(3) Of the 7 members first appointed to the commission after the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 9a, 1 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, 2 for terms of 2 years each, 2 for terms of 3 years each, and 2 for terms of 4 years each. At the expiration of the term of a member, the governor shall appoint a successor, who shall hold office for a term of 4 years and until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified. If there is a vacancy in the office of a member of the commission, the governor shall appoint a successor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for the unexpired term.

(4) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed from the fund for actual and necessary expenses in accordance with standards established annually by the legislature for similar boards or commissions.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

Compiler's note: For the transfer of all statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the commission to the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by type III transfer and the abolishment of the commission, see E.R.O. No. 2024-2, compiled at MCL 16.735.

54.264 Commission; chairperson; meetings.

Sec. 4. At the commission's first meeting, 1 member of the commission shall be selected by a majority of the commission members to be chairperson. The commission shall meet at least 2 times each year, at a time and place agreed upon by the commission. The chairperson may call special meetings at a time and place determined by the chairperson.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.265 Conduct of business at public meetings; public notice; writings.

Sec. 5. (1) The business that the commission performs shall be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(2) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

54.266 Duties of department; expediting county's plan; payment or reimbursement of costs; interaction with commission.

Sec. 6. (1) The department shall do all of the following:

(a) Coordinate the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the land survey records and monuments of the public land survey system in this state, including, but not limited to, all pertinent field notes, plats, documents, and monuments.

(b) Establish a policy to maintain and provide safe storage of records required to be filed with the department under this act.

(c) Coordinate memoranda of understanding with other state, federal, and local agencies to promote the activities necessary, incidental, or appropriate to promote this act.

(d) Foster, encourage, and promote county plans for each county in this state and, after submission of county plans, review the plans for approval.

(e) Coordinate and administer a grant program for grants to counties to implement this act.

(f) By October 1 in each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the legislature and each county board of commissioners. The report must include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(i) A summary of the department's activities regarding administration of this act.

(ii) An assessment of the progress of the implementation of county monumentation and remonumentation plans throughout this state.

(iii) A statement regarding the amount of money that was received and disbursed from the fund.

(iv) An assessment of how much money is necessary to carry out the county plans in this state.

(v) An assessment of whether the money received in the fund is adequate to implement this act.

(vi) Recommendations including, but not limited to, the level of funding that is necessary to implement this act.

(vii) A statement of the amount of money disbursed from the fund to each grantee, the average amount of money spent per corner by each grantee, and the percentage of work in its county plan completed by each grantee.

(2) If a county elects to expedite the county's plan as provided in section 8, the department shall enter into a contract described in section 8(4) to pay or reimburse the costs of expediting the plan. The amount expended or borrowed for expediting the county's plan shall be paid from the fund as provided in section 12(2).

(3) In performing its duties under this act, if the department is required to interact in any way with the commission and if the initial members of the commission have not been appointed and their appointment consented to by the senate under section 3 as amended by the amendatory act that added this subsection, the department may proceed with its duties under this act without the required interaction until the initial members are appointed and their appointment consented to.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 1998, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 6, 1998;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.267 Employee as surveyor.

Sec. 7. The employee in direct charge of the state survey and remonumentation section in the department that performs services for the director of the department under this act must be a surveyor.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.268 County monumentation and remonumentation plan; perpetual monument maintenance plan; rules; submission; provisions; failure to establish and submit plan or revised plan; expediting plan; geodetic control stations.

Sec. 8. (1) Each county shall establish a county monumentation and remonumentation plan and perpetual monument maintenance plan. The department, in consultation with the commission, shall create and distribute a model county plan that may be adopted by a county with any changes appropriate for that county. By the second March 1 after the department promulgates rules under section 17(3), each county shall submit to the department for approval in consultation with the commission a county plan or, if the county has previously submitted a county plan, a revised county plan that complies with the amendments to this act enacted by the amendatory act that added section 9a and any rules promulgated after the effective date of that amendatory act and before the date that the county plan or revised county plan is to be submitted.

(2) A county plan shall provide for all of the following:

(a) A monumentation and remonumentation plan that provides for the remonumentation of all of the original public land survey corners, and any associated property controlling corners, and the monumentation or remonumentation of all of the protracted public land survey corners, and any associated property controlling corners, identified in the county plan. The monumentation or remonumentation of the county shall consist of:

(i) The filing of a land corner recordation certificate pursuant to the requirements of the corner recordation act, 1970 PA 74, MCL 54.201 to 54.210d, for each original public land survey corner and protracted public land survey corner in the county.

(ii) The inclusion in a certificate filed under subparagraph (i) of any property controlling corner associated with the original public land survey corner or protracted public land survey corner that is the subject of the certificate.

(iii) The filing of geodetic coordinates for each original public land survey corner and protracted public land survey corner in the county.

(b) The filing of copies of all recorded land corner recordation certificates produced pursuant to the county plan with the department.

(c) The exclusion or addition by the county of original public land survey corners or protracted public land survey corners, with the approval of the department, acting in consultation with the commission.

(d) A perpetual monument maintenance plan that provides for all original public land survey corners or protracted public land survey corners included in the county plan, and associated geodetic coordinates, to be maintained by requiring the filing of a land corner recordation certificate as required by the corner recordation act, 1970 PA 74, MCL 54.201 to 54.210d, as necessary.

(e) A peer review group as described in section 9b.

(f) Any other provisions reasonably required by the department for purposes of this act.

(3) If a county fails to establish and submit a plan or revised plan that is approved by the department under subsection (1), the department shall initiate and contract for the implementation of a county plan in that county as provided in section 10.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), after the establishment and approval by the department of a county plan, a county may expend or borrow money to expedite the completion of its plan. If a county elects to expend or borrow money to expedite its county plan, the department shall enter into a contract to provide that the costs to expedite that plan are reimbursed or paid from the fund as provided in section 12(2).

(5) After the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 9a, a county shall not expedite its county plan or expend or borrow money to expedite its county plan. A county that, before the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 9a, expedited its county plan or expended or borrowed money to expedite its county plan shall either have on file with the department a contract entered into under subsection (4) or execute a contract under subsection (4) within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 9a.

(6) A county that expended or borrowed money to expedite its county plan in accordance with this section after January 1, 1991 may recapture costs expended or borrowed and used to expedite that plan. The department shall pay those costs to the county from the fund as provided in section 12(2) over a period of not less than 10 years.

(7) A county plan may provide for the support by a county program of the extension, densification, upgrade, and maintenance of active and passive geodetic control stations.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 1998, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 6, 1998;—Am. 2002, Act 489, Imd. Eff. June 28, 2002;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.269 County surveyor as county representative for surveying projects.

Sec. 9. The county surveyor in each county in this state shall perform the duties of county representative for all surveying projects approved or initiated under this act. If a county does not have a county surveyor, the county board of commissioners shall appoint a licensed professional surveyor to perform the duties described in this section.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.269a Grant administrator; appointment; responsibilities.

Sec. 9a. A county board of commissioners shall appoint a grant administrator to be responsible for and oversee the county's obligations and money associated with this act.

History: Add. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.269b County peer review group as panel of surveyors; appointment; responsibilities.

Sec. 9b. A county board of commissioners shall appoint a county peer review group to act as a panel of surveyors to review and provide advice on original public land survey corners or protracted public land survey corners presented by surveyors before the county accepts the original public land survey corners or protracted public land survey corners for filing under its county plan.

History: Add. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.270 Conducting monumentation or remonumentation under negotiated contract; cost.

Sec. 10. (1) Any monumentation or remonumentation conducted under section 8(3) shall be conducted under a negotiated contract. The department shall prepare specifications for each contract negotiated by the department and monitor the field work and notes of work done under each contract to ensure compliance with those specifications.

(2) The department shall pay the cost of any contracts under this section from the fund.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.271 State survey and remonumentation fund; creation as separate fund; administration; deposit of money, interest, and earnings; gifts or donations from individuals or corporations; establishment of restricted subaccounts.

Sec. 11. (1) The state survey and remonumentation fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund. The fund shall be administered by the department.

(2) Money deposited in the fund, and all interest and earnings generated by the fund, shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year, but shall remain in the fund to be expended as provided in this act.

(3) The fund may accept money received as gifts or donations, or money received from individuals or corporations to be used for purposes of this act.

(4) The department may direct the department of treasury to establish restricted subaccounts within the fund as necessary to administer the fund.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2006, Act 76, Imd. Eff. Mar. 24, 2006;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.272 State survey and remonumentation fund; use of money; provisions applicable to deposited funds; limitation.

Sec. 12. (1) Money in the fund shall be used by the department for the following purposes:

(a) Annual grants to the various counties to implement their monumentation and remonumentation plans described in section 8(2)(a).

(b) The implementation of county plans that are initiated and contracted for by the department under section 8(3).

(c) Annual grants to counties to implement their perpetual monument maintenance plans described in section 8(2)(d).

(d) The payment of contracts that are entered into by the department under section 10.

(e) Other activities necessary, incidental, or appropriate to implement this act.

(2) In addition to the purposes described in subsection (1), money in the fund shall be used to pay the costs of expediting a plan or to reimburse the cost described in section 8(4) for a county that has elected to expend or borrow money to expedite the implementation of the county's plan.

(3) Expenditures by the department for a county for the following purposes shall be in an amount not less than the following percentages of the money collected in that county and remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the fund under section 2567a of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2567a, during the state fiscal year that began 2 years before the beginning of the state fiscal year in which the expenditure is made:

(a) For an annual grant to the county under subsection (1)(a), 40%.

(b) To implement the county plan if the department initiates and contracts for the implementation of the county plan under section 8(3), 40%.

(c) For an annual grant to the county under subsection (1)(c), 20%.

(d) For purposes described in section 8(2)(d), if the department initiates and contracts for the implementation of the county plan for the county under section 8(3), 20%.

(4) In addition to the purposes described in subsections (1) and (2), to pay this state's equitable share of the costs of the monumentation of the Michigan-Indiana state boundary line pursuant to the Michigan-Indiana state line monumentation act, the legislature may appropriate from the fund a total amount of not more than \$500,000.00 that was appropriated or transferred to the fund after November 1, 2021.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 1998, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 6, 1998;—Am. 2002, Act 489, Imd. Eff. June 28, 2002;—Am. 2010, Act 260, Eff. Dec. 22, 2010;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014;—Am. 2022, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 19, 2022.

54.273 Application for annual grant; form.

Sec. 13. An application for an annual grant authorized under this act must be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the department. The department may require the applicant to provide any information reasonably necessary to allow the department to make a determination required by this act.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.274 Grant; conditions.

Sec. 14. (1) The department shall not make a grant under section 12(1)(a) unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant files an application for the grant on or before December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the grant is made.

(b) The applicant demonstrates to the department the capability to carry out the county plan.

(c) The applicant demonstrates to the department that it has not completed its monumentation and remonumentation plan described in section 8(2)(a).

(2) The department shall make a grant under section 12(1)(c) if the applicant demonstrates to the department that it has completed its monumentation and remonumentation plan described in section 8(2)(a) or if the applicant voluntarily chooses to proceed to the program described in section 8(2)(d).

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.275 Grant recipient to obtain authorization for significant change to plan; revocation or withholding of grant.

Sec. 15. (1) A recipient of a grant made under section 12(1)(a), (b), or (d) shall obtain authorization from the department before implementing a change that significantly alters the approved grant.

(2) The department may revoke a grant made by it under this act or withhold payment if the recipient of the grant fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant, or with requirements of this act or the rules promulgated under this act.

(3) The department may withhold a grant until the department determines that the recipient is able to proceed with the implementation of the applicant's county plan.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.276 Records.

Sec. 16. (1) The department, upon request, shall provide copies or certified copies of records in its possession to the public, other state agencies or officers, or local governmental agencies. The department may charge a reasonable fee for providing the records.

(2) A certified copy of a record provided by the department is admissible in court as evidence, without further identification, if the substance of the record is properly admissible in the proceeding.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.277 Rules.

Sec. 17. (1) The department shall promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to implement this act.

(2) In promulgating rules under this section, or in adopting a guideline related to the administration of this act, the department shall consult with and consider recommendations provided to it by the commission.

(3) After the enactment of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall promulgate rules to implement this act as amended by that amendatory act. Before the promulgation of rules under this subsection, the department may continue to administer this act under previously promulgated rules to the extent that the rules do not conflict with this act as amended by that amendatory act.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991;—Am. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.277a Contested case proceeding.

Sec. 17a. If a county is aggrieved by a decision of the department that affects the county made under this act or the rules promulgated under this act, the county may contest the decision of the department as a contested case under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

History: Add. 2014, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 12, 2014.

54.278 Effective date.

Sec. 18. This act shall take effect January 1, 1991.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

54.279 Conditional effective date.

Sec. 19. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 381 of the 85th Legislature is enacted into law.

History: 1990, Act 345, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

Compiler's note: Senate Bill No. 381, referred to in this section, was filed with the Secretary of State December 21, 1990, and became P.A. 1990, No. 346, Eff. Jan. 1, 1991.

MICHIGAN AND INDIANA STATE LINE MONUMENTATION ACT Act 259 of 2010

54.291-54.305 Repealed. 2014, Act 363, Eff. Jan. 1, 2018.

***** *Act 81 of 2022 THIS ACT IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323* *****

MICHIGAN-INDIANA STATE LINE REMONUMENTATION ACT
Act 81 of 2022

AN ACT to provide for the recovery or replacement of durable monuments defining the Michigan-Indiana state line; to create a commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and agencies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

***** *54.311 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323* *****

54.311 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "Michigan-Indiana state line remonumentation act".

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

***** *54.313 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323* *****

54.313 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

- (a) "Commission" means the Michigan-Indiana state line commission established in section 5(1).
- (b) "County peer review group" means a county peer review group appointed under section 9b of the state survey and remonumentation act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.269b.
- (c) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (d) "Monument" means a relatively permanent physical marker that occupies the position of a corner and that possesses or is made to possess a magnetic field.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

***** *54.315 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323* *****

54.315 Michigan-Indiana state line commission; establishment; membership; appointment; meetings; quorum; public meeting; compensation.

Sec. 5. (1) The Michigan-Indiana state line commission is established in the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

(2) The commission shall consist of 5 surveyors licensed in this state, 1 of whom is a resident of each of the following counties:

- (a) Berrien County.
- (b) Cass County.
- (c) St. Joseph County.
- (d) Branch County.
- (e) Hillsdale County.

(3) The governor shall appoint members of the commission, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall consider for appointment individuals previously appointed to the Indiana-Michigan boundary line commission pursuant to former 2010 PA 259.

(4) The term of a member of the commission is 2 years or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later.

(5) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the governor, subject to subsection (3), shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

(6) The governor may remove a member of the commission for incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

(7) The first meeting of the commission shall be called by a majority of the members of the commission. The first meeting shall be held not later than September 15, 2022. At the first meeting, the commission shall elect from among its members a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the commission shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the

chairperson or if requested by 3 or more members.

(8) A majority of the members of the commission constitute a quorum for transacting business. A vote in favor by a majority of the members serving is required for any action of the commission.

(9) The commission shall conduct its business in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(10) A writing that is prepared, owned, used, possessed, or retained by the commission in performing an official function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(11) A member of the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the commission but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in serving.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

***** 54.317 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323 *****

54.317 Duties of commission; replacement of lost corner positions; collaboration.

Sec. 7. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the commission shall do all of the following:

(a) Administer a survey and remonumentation of the Michigan-Indiana state line.

(b) Recover or reestablish monuments at the mileposts and intermediate monument control points of the Michigan-Indiana state line as established in the 1827 federal survey that defined that line. The commission also shall recover or reestablish monuments at the posts originally set at or near the shores of lakes and large rivers of the Michigan-Indiana state line as established in the 1827 federal survey, or witness corners for set posts. The commission shall review the survey upon completion of each milepost.

(c) Compile appropriate records and documents verifying the location of the mileposts and submit those records and documents to the respective county peer review groups.

(d) Resolve any differences revealed by the survey between record documents and recovered evidence regarding the location of mileposts defining the Michigan-Indiana state line.

(e) Provide regular updates to the department's office of land survey and remonumentation.

(2) The director of the department's office of land survey and remonumentation shall keep the state survey and remonumentation commission created under section 3 of the state survey and remonumentation act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.263, apprised of the Michigan-Indiana state line commission's progress in discharging its duties under subsection (1).

(3) The commission shall not replace lost corner positions if the state of Indiana does not participate in the survey and remonumentation project as authorized by Indiana law.

(4) To accomplish the purposes of this act, the commission or its representative may meet and collaborate with a similar commission established by the state of Indiana or that commission's representative.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

***** 54.319 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323 *****

54.319 Submission of survey and report to legislature.

Sec. 9. (1) Upon completion of the survey and remonumentation, the commission shall do both of the following:

(a) Submit the survey to the legislature of this state. The survey shall be accompanied by a report of the commission that states whether there are differences between the survey and the survey of a similar commission established by the state of Indiana and explains any differences.

(b) For each post originally set at or near the shore of a lake or large river or milepost determined under this act, the commission shall do both of the following:

(i) File with the appropriate county register of deeds a land corner recordation certificate under the state corner recordation act, 1970 PA 74, MCL 54.201 to 54.210d, that provides appropriate references and Michigan state plane coordinates.

(ii) File a copy of the certificate under subdivision (a) with the state survey and remonumentation commission created under section 3 of the state survey and remonumentation act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.263.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

***** 54.321 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323 *****

54.321 Professional surveying services; procurement.

Sec. 11. The commission shall procure professional surveying services through negotiated contracts. The commission shall award contracts only to persons incorporated in this state or with a principal place of business in this state.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.

***** 54.323 *THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 81 OF 2022 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. See MCL 54.323* *****

54.323 Repeal of act.

Sec. 13. This act is repealed effective January 1, 2026.

History: 2022, Act 81, Eff. July 18, 2022.