

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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LRB Number 11-3968/1		Introduction Number SB-444	
Description Professional land surveyors; the practice of professional land surveying; surveying land abutting navigable waters; various changes regarding platting, surveying, and certified survey maps; and granting rule-making authority			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
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Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person may not practice land surveying or represent that they are a land surveyor unless the land surveyor section of the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors has issued a certificate of registration. This bill replaces "land surveying" with the term "professional land surveying" and defines specific activities that are "land surveying" and require licensure. It also replaces the certificate of registration with "licensure" and makes the references to "professional land surveying" and "licensure" consistent throughout the statutes. This law would also make modifications to the exemptions from certification/licensure as a land surveyor and eliminates two current pathways for gaining licensure.

The bill makes a number of changes to the laws related to subdivision plats, certified survey maps and the recording of plats. These changes are:

- streamlines the statutory plat submittal process and reflects the use of current technology and business practices;
- modifies technical mapping requirements for subdivisions and certified survey maps;
- modifies time limits and vacation procedures for certified survey maps so the requirements are consistent with those for subdivision plats; and
- makes changes to the recording requirements for subdivision plats.

The proposal will have limited to no fiscal impact on DOA. The activities that staff engage in while performing their duties does not appear to fall under the revised definition of "land surveying". The proposed changes to the laws relating to subdivisions and certified survey maps will modernize the statutes and will reflect the current use of technology and business practices. The proposed changes to the technical mapping, vacation and recording requirements will clarify ambiguity in the law and provide options in the mapping of subdivisions and certified survey maps. These proposed changes may provide some cost savings through the streamlining of the submittal process.

The proposal will have limited fiscal impact on local units of government. The proposed changes to the laws related to subdivision plats and certified survey maps may provide some cost savings through the streamlining of the submittal process.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.