

MEMORANDUM

To: The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: 2/25/2025

Re: S.B. 9, as Introduced: Extending the amount of time required for reports to be filed with the state historical society for certain United States public land surveys from 30 to 90 days.

Under current law, land surveyors are required to file a reference report for each United States public land survey corner or related accessory with the secretary of the state historical society and the applicable county surveyor, or the county engineer if there is no county surveyor. The report can be filed and retrieved using electronic technologies if authorized by the secretary and must be filed within 30 days after the references are made. A filing fee, determined by the secretary of the state historical society, must be paid at the time of filing the report.¹ Similarly, if a U.S. public land survey corner or accessory is likely to be altered, removed, damaged or destroyed, a qualified land surveyor must establish reference points for restoration, reestablishment or replacement, and file a report within 30 days. Failure to comply with the current filing requirements are grounds for the suspension or revocation of a land surveyor's license.

S.B. 9 would extend the amount of time to file the required reports from within 30 days to within 90 days of the date the references are made. Additionally, when there is no county surveyor or county engineer to receive a filed report, the bill would allow the reports to be filed in any county office designated by the county commission.

S.B. 9 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

¹ Currently set at \$4 for each corner to which reference is made (K.A.R. 118-4-4)