

HOUSE BILL No. 2168

AN ACT concerning United States public land surveys; relating to reports filed with the state historical society; extending the time to file such reports from 30 to 90 days; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 58-2011 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 58-2011 is hereby amended to read as follows: 58-2011. (a) Whenever a survey originates from a United States public land survey corner or any related accessory, the land surveyor shall file a reference report for each corner or accessory with the secretary of the state historical society and with the county surveyor for the county or counties in which the survey corner exists. If there is no county surveyor of such county, such reference report shall be filed with the county engineer. If there is no county engineer, such report shall be filed in the office of the county road department *or in a county office designated by the county commission*. Reports filed with the secretary of the state historical society may be filed and retrieved using electronic technologies if authorized by the secretary. Such report shall be filed within ~~30~~ 90 days of the date the references are made. At the time of filing such report with the secretary of the state historical society, the land surveyor shall pay a filing fee in an amount fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary of the state historical society. Fees charged for filing and retrieval of such reports may be billed and paid periodically.

(b) Any person engaged in an activity in which a United States public land survey corner or any related accessory is likely to be altered, removed, damaged or destroyed, shall have a person qualified to practice land surveying establish such reference points as necessary for the restoration, reestablishment or replacement of the corner or accessory. The land surveyor shall file a reference report with the secretary of the state historical society and with the county surveyor for the county or counties in which the survey corner exists. Such report shall be filed within ~~30~~ 90 days of the date the references are made. At the time of filing such report with the secretary of the state historical society, the land surveyor shall pay a filing fee in an amount fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary of the state historical society.

(c) Upon completion of the activity likely to alter, remove, damage or destroy the public land survey corner or related accessory, the land surveyor shall review the survey corner and its accessories. If the survey corner or any accessory has been altered, removed, damaged or destroyed, the land surveyor shall replace the corner or accessory with a survey monument and file a restoration report with the secretary of the state historical society and the county surveyor in the county or counties in which it existed. If the survey corner and accessories are not damaged during the activity, a restoration report so stating shall be filed with the secretary of the state historical society and county surveyor's office. Such report shall be filed within ~~30~~ 90 days after the activity is completed. At the time of filing such report with the office of the secretary of the state historical society the land surveyor shall pay a filing fee in an amount fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary of the state historical society.

(d) Failure to comply with the filing requirements of this section shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the land surveyor's license.

(e) The secretary of the state historical society may produce, reproduce and sell maps, plats, reports, studies and records relating to land surveys. The secretary of the state historical society shall charge a fee in an amount to be fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary for the furnishing of information retrieved from records filed pursuant to this section and for reproductions or copies of maps, plats, reports, studies and records filed in such office.

(f) All moneys collected by the secretary of the state historical society under the provisions of this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state

treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury. Ten percent of each such deposit shall be credited to the state general fund and the balance shall be credited to the land survey fee fund, which is hereby created. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants approved by the secretary of the state historical society or a person designated by the secretary of the state historical society and shall be used only for the purpose of paying the costs incurred in administering the provisions of this act. After the effective date of this act, any reference to the secretary of state in regard to appropriations to the land survey fee fund shall be deemed to refer to the secretary of the state historical society.

(g) The failure of any person to have a land surveyor establish reference points as required by subsection (b) shall be a class C misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 58-2011 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report_____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report_____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.