

HB 1395 -- Land Survey Program

Sponsor: Korman

This bill changes the laws regarding the Land Survey Program within the Department of Natural Resources. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Dissolves the State Land Survey Authority and the Land Survey Advisory Committee and establishes the Land Survey Program and the Land Survey Commission within the Department of Natural Resources;
- (2) Revises the membership, terms, and duties of the commission;
- (3) Creates the Missouri Land Survey Fund for the deposit of \$1 of the \$6 fee collected by every county recorder for recording any instrument which currently is deposited into the General Revenue Fund for use by the department;
- (4) Expands the duties of the department by requiring it to restore, establish, maintain, and preserve Missouri state and county boundary markers and provide the framework for all geodetic positioning activities in the state; and
- (5) Requires the State Land Surveyor to be selected on the recommendation of the commission. The State Land Surveyor will be the chief administrative officer of the program and the deputy director of the division and will serve at the pleasure of the department director. He or she must be selected under the State Merit System on the basis of professional experience and registration.