

HB 338 -- LAND SURVEYS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill adds "center of section" to the points of land included in the definition of "corners of the United States public land survey".

The bill substitutes the phrase "an existent corner" with "a position" within the definition of "obliterated, decayed or destroyed corner".

A description of the procedure used to relate the intersection of meridional and latitudinal lines to the measurement between four known corners is repealed.

Certain options that can be used to reestablish lost standard corners and lost section and quarter-section corners are repealed and replaced with the single proportionate method.

The bill also provides that the proportional position shall be offset, if necessary, in a cardinal direction to the true line defined by the nearest adjacent corners on opposite sides of the quarter corner to be established.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 1603 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is just a technical fix.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayhew; Arnie Dienoff; Jim Anderson, Anderson Survey Company; Richard Elgin, PS, PE; Lynne M. Schlosser, Missouri Society Of Professional Land Surveyors.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.