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# State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1478**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations  
02/26/2025 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to local government; amending priority criteria for public land survey
- 1.3 system monument grant program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
- 1.4 Statutes 2024, section 381.125, subdivision 1.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 381.125, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** (a) The chief geospatial information officer, through
- 1.8 the Geospatial Advisory Council established under section 16E.30, subdivision 8, shall
- 1.9 work with the stakeholders licensed as land surveyors under section 326.02, to develop a
- 1.10 process for accepting applications from counties and Tribal governments for funding for
- 1.11 the perpetuation of monuments established by the United States in the public lands survey
- 1.12 to mark public land survey corners, as provided in section 381.12, subdivision 2, clause (1).
- 1.13 Grants may also be used to update records and data regarding monuments.
- 1.14 (b) The chief geospatial information officer must establish criteria for prioritizing
- 1.15 applicants when resources available for grants are not sufficient to award grants to all
- 1.16 applicants. The criteria must favor providing grants to counties that demonstrate financial
- 1.17 need for assistance- and meet one or more of the following criteria:
- 1.18 (1) preserve public land survey system monuments at risk of being destroyed, lost, or
- 1.19 obscured;
- 1.20 (2) have a low percentage of certified public land survey system monument corners; or
- 1.21 (3) demonstrate that remonumentation will support economic development in the county.
- 1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

2.1       Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM MONUMENT**  
2.2       **GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.3       (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.4       commissioner of information technology services for the public land survey system  
2.5       monument grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 381.125. The base for this  
2.6       appropriation is \$10,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

2.7       (b) Each fiscal year, up to \$350,000 of an appropriation for the public land survey system  
2.8       monument grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 381.125, may be used by the  
2.9       chief geospatial information officer for the administration of the grant program.

2.10      **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.