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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3552

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to land surveying; amending prioritization criteria for the public land
1.3 survey system monument grant program; appropriating money; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 381.125, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 381.125, subdivision 1, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Grant program. (a) The chief geospatial information officer, through
1.9 the Geospatial Advisory Council established under section 16E.30, subdivision 8, shall
1.10 work with the stakeholders licensed as land surveyors under section 326.02, to develop a
1.11 process for accepting applications from counties for funding for the perpetuation of
1.12 monuments established by the United States in the public lands survey to mark public land
1.13 survey corners, as provided in section 381.12, subdivision 2, clause (1). Grants may also
1.14 be used to update records and data regarding monuments.

1.15 (b) The chief geospatial information officer must establish criteria for prioritizing
1.16 applicants when resources available for grants are not sufficient to award grants to all
1.17 applicants. The criteria must favor providing grants to counties that meet one or more of
1.18 the following criteria:

1.19 (1) demonstrate financial need for assistance;

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, 2024.

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

2.3 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 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, and for grants to
2.6 counties to employ county technical staff to aid surveyors making land survey corners. The
2.7 base for this appropriation is \$10,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.