

HCS HB 1603 -- LAND SURVEYS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 20 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1603.

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used to relate the intersection of meridional and latitudinal lines to the measurement between four known corners is repealed.

Certain options that can be used to reestablish lost standard corners and lost section and quarter-section corners are repealed and replaced with the single proportionate method.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

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill fixes an unintended error for computing a corner section when conducting a land survey.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayhew; and the Missouri Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.