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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; appropriating money for grants to perpetuate public
1.3 land survey system monuments and associated data; requiring a report; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 381.12, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new
1.5 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 381.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 381.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Expense, tax levy.** The county board of any county may levy a tax upon all
1.9 the taxable property in the county for the purpose of defraying the expense incurred, or to
1.10 be incurred, less any amount received from the public system monument grant program
1.11 under section 381.125, for:

1.12 (1) the preservation and restoration of monuments under this section;

1.13 (2) the preservation or establishment of control monuments for mapping activities;

1.14 (3) the modernization of county land records through the use of parcel-based land
1.15 management systems; or

1.16 (4) the establishment of geographic (GIS), land (LIS), management (MIS) information
1.17 systems.

1.18 Sec. 2. **[381.125] PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM MONUMENT GRANT**
1.19 **PROGRAM.**

1.20 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** The chief geospatial information officer, through the
1.21 Geospatial Advisory Council established under section 16E.30, subdivision 8, shall work
1.22 with the stakeholders licensed as land surveyors under section 326.02, to develop a process

2.1 for accepting applications from counties for funding for the perpetuation of monuments
2.2 established by the United States in the public lands survey to mark public land survey
2.3 corners, as provided in section 381.12, subdivision 2, clause (1). Grants may also be used
2.4 to update records and data regarding monuments. The chief geospatial information officer
2.5 must establish criteria for prioritizing applicants when resources available for grants are not
2.6 sufficient to award grants to all applicants. The criteria must favor providing grants to
2.7 counties that demonstrate financial need for assistance.

2.8 Subd. 2. **Report.** By October 1, in each odd-numbered year, the chief information officer
2.9 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the
2.10 senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over state government and local
2.11 government. The report must include the following:

2.12 (1) a summary of the chief information officer activities regarding administration of this
2.13 grant program for the previous fiscal year, including the amount of money requested and
2.14 disbursed by county;

2.15 (2) an assessment of the progress toward completion of necessary monument restoration
2.16 and certification by county; and

2.17 (3) a forecast of the amount needed to complete monument recertification in all counties.

2.18 Subd. 3. **Nonstate match.** No nonstate match is required for grants made under this
2.19 program.

2.20 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.21 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the chief
2.22 information officer for the grant program under section 381.125. Up to four percent of this
2.23 appropriation may be used by the chief geospatial information officer for administration of
2.24 this program. The base for this appropriation in fiscal years 2025 through 2029 is
2.25 \$10,000,000. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2030 and each fiscal year thereafter
2.26 is \$0.

2.27 (b) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the chief
2.28 information officer for grants to counties to employ county technical staff to aid surveyors
2.29 marking public land survey corners. The base for this appropriation in fiscal years 2025
2.30 through 2029 is \$1,000,000. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2030 and each
2.31 fiscal year thereafter is \$0.