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By Representatives Barkis, Haler, and Dolan

1 AN ACT Relating to modifying provisions related to surveys and
2 maps in chapter 58.24 RCW; and amending RCW 58.24.020, 58.24.030,
3 58.24.040, 58.24.050, 58.24.060, 58.24.070, and 82.45.060.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 58.24.020 and 1987 c 466 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The department of natural resources is designated as the official
8 agency for surveys and maps. The commissioner of public lands
9 (~~shall~~) must appoint an advisory board of five members, the
10 majority of whom (~~shall~~) must be registered professional
11 (~~engineers or~~) land surveyors, who (~~shall~~) must serve at the
12 pleasure of the commissioner. Members of the board (~~shall~~) must
13 serve without salary but are to receive travel expenses in accordance
14 with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended
15 while actively engaged in the discharge of their duties.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 58.24.030 and 1987 c 466 s 6 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The commissioner of public lands, the department of natural
19 resources, and the advisory board are authorized to cooperate and
20 advise with various departments and subdivisions of the state,

1 counties, municipalities, and registered engineers or land surveyors
2 of the state for the following purposes:

3 (1) The recovery of section corners or other land boundary marks;

4 (2) The monumentation of accepted section corners, and other
5 boundary and reference marks; (~~said~~) the monumentation (~~shall~~)
6 must be adequately connected to (~~adjusted United States coast and~~
7 ~~geodetic survey triangulation stations~~) the national spatial
8 reference system as established by the national geodetic survey and
9 the coordinates of the monuments computed to conform with the
10 Washington plane coordinate system in accordance with the provisions
11 of chapter 58.20 RCW, as derived from chapter 168, Laws of 1945;

12 (3) For facilitation and encouragement of the use of the
13 Washington state coordinate system; and

14 (4) For promotion of the use of the (~~level net~~) vertical datum
15 as established by the (~~United States coast and~~) national geodetic
16 survey.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 58.24.040 and 1987 c 466 s 7 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The agency designated by RCW 58.24.020 is further authorized to:

20 (1) Set up standards of accuracy and methods of procedure;

21 (2) Compile and publish maps and records from surveys performed
22 under the provisions of this chapter, and to maintain suitable
23 indexes of surveys to prevent duplication of effort and to cooperate
24 with all agencies of local, state, and federal government to this
25 end;

26 (3) Compile and maintain records of all surveys performed under
27 the provisions of this chapter, and assemble and maintain records of
28 all reliable survey monuments and bench marks within the state;

29 (4) Collect and preserve information obtained from surveys
30 locating and establishing land monuments and land boundaries;

31 (5) Supervise the sale and distribution of cadastral and geodetic
32 survey data, and such related survey maps and publications as may
33 come into the possession of the department of natural resources.
34 Revenue derived from the sale thereof (~~shall~~) must be deposited in
35 the surveys and maps account in the general fund;

36 (6) Supervise the sale and distribution of maps, map data,
37 photographs, and such publications as may come into the possession of
38 the department of natural resources.

1 (7) Submit, as part of the biennial report of the commissioner of
2 public lands, a report of the accomplishments of the agency;

3 (8) Permit the temporary removal or destruction of any section
4 corner or any other land boundary mark or monument by any person,
5 corporation, association, department, or subdivision of the state,
6 county, or municipality as may be necessary or desirable to
7 accommodate construction, mining, and other development of any land:
8 PROVIDED, That such section corner or other land boundary mark or
9 monument (~~shall~~) must be referenced to the Washington Coordinate
10 System by a registered professional (~~engineer or~~) land surveyor
11 prior to such removal or destruction, and (~~shall~~) must be replaced
12 or a suitable reference monument established by a registered
13 professional (~~engineer or~~) land surveyor within a reasonable time
14 after completion of such construction, mining, or other development:
15 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the department of natural resources
16 (~~shall~~) must adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations
17 under which the agency (~~shall~~) must authorize such temporary
18 removal or destruction and require the replacement of such section
19 corner or other land boundary marks or monuments.

20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 58.24.050 and 1982 c 165 s 5 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 All employees who are in responsible charge of work under the
23 provisions of this chapter (~~shall~~) must be licensed professional
24 (~~engineers or~~) land surveyors. The chief surveyor of the department
25 must be known as the state surveyor.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 58.24.060 and 2015 c 12 s 2 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 There is created in the state treasury the surveys and maps
29 account (~~which shall~~), which must be a separate account consisting
30 of funds received or collected under chapters 43.92((~~τ~~)) and
31 58.22((~~τ~~)) RCW and (~~58.24—RCW~~) this chapter, and moneys
32 appropriated to (~~it~~) the account by law. This account (~~shall~~)
33 must be used exclusively by the department of natural resources for
34 carrying out the purposes and provisions of chapters 43.92((~~τ~~)) and
35 58.22((~~τ~~)) RCW and (~~58.24—RCW~~) this chapter. Appropriations from
36 the account (~~shall~~) may be expended for no other purposes. The
37 department may use moneys in the account for the purposes for which
38 they were obtained without appropriation by the legislature.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 58.24.070 and 1987 c 466 s 9 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 ~~((A fee set by the board of natural resources shall be charged by~~
4 ~~each county auditor, in addition to any other fees required by law,~~
5 ~~as a condition precedent to the filing and recording of any surveys,~~
6 ~~subdivision plats, short plats, and condominium surveys, plats, or~~
7 ~~maps. Such funds shall)) An excise tax must be charged by each county
8 treasurer, in addition to any other excise tax required by law, on
9 real property sales as provided in chapter 82.45 RCW. Such proceeds
10 must be forwarded monthly to the state treasurer to be deposited in
11 the surveys and maps account ((in the general fund. The fees shall))
12 created in RCW 58.24.060. The proceeds must be verified in the same
13 manner as other ((fees)) taxes collected by the county ((auditor-
14 Fees)) treasurer. Proceeds collected under this section ((shall be
15 expended)) may be used by the department only for the activities
16 prescribed in this chapter.~~

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 82.45.060 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 10 s 13 are each
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (1) There is imposed an excise tax upon each sale of real
20 property at the rate of one and twenty-eight one-hundredths percent
21 of the selling price. Beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,
22 2023, an amount equal to two percent of the proceeds of this tax must
23 be deposited in the public works assistance account created in RCW
24 43.155.050, and an amount equal to four and one-tenth percent must be
25 deposited in the education legacy trust account created in RCW
26 83.100.230. Thereafter, an amount equal to six and one-tenth percent
27 of the proceeds of this tax to the state treasurer must be deposited
28 in the public works assistance account created in RCW 43.155.050.
29 Except as otherwise provided in this section, an amount equal to one
30 and six-tenths percent of the proceeds of this tax to the state
31 treasurer must be deposited in the city-county assistance account
32 created in RCW 43.08.290.

33 (2) In addition to the excise tax authorized in subsection (1) of
34 this section, there is imposed an excise tax upon each sale of real
35 property at the rate of three one-hundredths percent of the selling
36 price. Such funds must be forwarded monthly to the state treasurer to
37 be deposited in the surveys and maps account created in RCW
38 58.24.060. Proceeds collected under this section may be used by the

1 department of natural resources only for the activities prescribed in
2 RCW 58.24.030.

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