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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill makes various changes in the law that governs section and quarter-section markers.

#### Section

**1 Preserving corners.** Makes various technical and substantive changes in marker preservation law.

**Subd. 1. Technical.** Makes technical and stylistic changes.

**Subd. 2. Manner of placement.** Deletes specific size requirements for corner markings and witness monuments placed to mark section and quarter-section corners when the original markers are destroyed or obliterated by highway construction or maintenance. Requires such markers to be placed in such a way that they will not be disturbed by routine maintenance. Deletes the requirement that a metal plug be inserted in a paved highway and substitutes a requirement for a supplemental marker placed over the durable monument, visible from the surface and set to be protected from routine snowplowing. Allows a durable metal marker to be set as a permanent witness monument on the section or quarter-section line when a corner marker in a highway surface is not practical or safe.

**Subd. 3. Technical.** Makes a technical change. Changes the requirement for a reference or witness monument that is placed at a corner, from "stone, concrete, or cast

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iron" to "a durable concrete or metal marker."

**Subd. 4. Filing of certificate.** Deletes a reference to engineers filing certificates of markers and monuments with the county recorder. Allows such filing to be in the office of the county surveyor in counties that have a surveyor, rather than in the office of the county recorder.

**Subd. 5. Certificate.** Makes technical and stylistic changes.

**Subd. 6. Cost of placing markers.** Makes a technical change.

**2 Approval of plats.** Deletes the requirement that when a county board requires plats to be approved by the county surveyor, the county surveyor must maintain a full-time office in the county. Allows such approval to be made by another licensed land surveyor hired by the county.