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Senate Bill 337 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Dayna Polehanki

Committee: Local Government

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 132 of 1970, which provides for the filing of land surveys in the office of the register of deeds, to do the following:

- Require the grantor or lessee of a property to record in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which the land was located a certified true copy of the original survey map.
- Specify that land surveyed for preparation of a condominium subdivision plan would not have to be recorded in a county office of the register of deeds.
- Require a professional surveyor who could not set a corner because of a physical obstruction to establish an alternative permanent monument and to reference the corner by bearing and distance from two different monumented corners of the survey.
- Modify the requirements for a certified survey map.

MCL 54.211-54.213

### **BRIEF RATIONALE**

The bill would update a 53-year-old law by creating uniform standards for recording copies of survey maps and by using technology to improve the accuracy of surveys. The technology used for survey standards was last updated by Public Act 132 of 1970 when maps were handwritten. Contemporary surveyors use global positioning system technology and computerized mapping systems to aid in surveying a parcel, and the law should reflect modern standards for surveying a parcel.

### **PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

*(Please note: This section does not provide a comprehensive account of all previous legislative efforts on the relevant subject matter.)*

The bill is similar to Senate Bill 589 from the 2021-2022 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 589 was reported by the Senate Committee on Local Government but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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