

**SURVEY MONUMENT REPLACEMENT**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions relating to state survey monuments.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ addresses the timing for certain notices to the county surveyor; and
- ▶ modifies the date on which any unused funds appropriated to the Monument

Replacement and Restoration Committee shall be distributed to certain counties.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**17-23-14**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 373

**63F-1-510**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 373

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **17-23-14** is amended to read:

**17-23-14. Disturbed corners -- County surveyor to be notified -- Coordination with certain state agencies.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Committee" means the Monument Replacement and Restoration Committee

30 created in Section 63F-1-510.

31 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) "Corner" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-23-17.5.

32 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) "Monument" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-23-17.5.

33 (2) A person who finds it necessary to disturb any established corner ~~[in]~~ for any  
34 reason, including the improvement of a road, ~~[or for any other cause, or]~~ shall notify the county  
35 surveyor at least five business days before the day on which the person disturbs the corner.

36 (3) A person who finds a monument that needs rehabilitation[;] shall notify the county  
37 surveyor within five business days after the day on which the person finds the monument.

38 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The county surveyor or the county surveyor's designee shall:

39 (a) consistent with federal law or rule, reconstruct or rehabilitate the monument for the  
40 corner by lowering and witnessing the corner or placing another monument and witness over  
41 the existing monument so that the monument:

42 (i) is left in a physical condition to remain as permanent a monument as is reasonably  
43 possible; and

44 (ii) may be reasonably located at all times in the future; and

45 (b) file the record of each reconstruction or rehabilitation under Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(a).

46 Section 2. Section 63F-1-510 is amended to read:

47 **63F-1-510. Monument Replacement and Restoration Committee.**

48 (1) As used in this section:

49 (a) "Committee" means the Monument Replacement and Restoration Committee  
50 created in this section.

51 (b) "Corner" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-23-17.5.

52 (c) "Monument" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-23-17.5.

53 (2) (a) There is created the Monument Replacement and Restoration Committee  
54 composed of the following seven members:

55 (i) five members appointed by an organization or association that represents Utah  
56 counties:

57 (A) that have knowledge and understanding of the Public Land Survey System; and

58 (B) who each represents a different county; and  
59 (ii) two members, appointed by the center, who have a knowledge and understanding  
60 of the Public Land Survey System.

61 (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), a member appointed to the  
62 committee is appointed for a four-year term.

63 (ii) The director of the center shall, at the time an entity appoints or reappoints an  
64 individual to serve on the committee, adjust the length of the appointed individual's term, as  
65 necessary, to ensure that the terms of committee members are staggered so that approximately  
66 half of the committee members are appointed every two years.

67 (iii) When a vacancy occurs on the committee for any reason, the replacement  
68 appointee shall serve on the committee for the unexpired term.

69 (c) The committee shall elect one committee member to serve as chair of the  
70 committee for a term of two years.

71 (d) A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum, and the action of a majority of a  
72 quorum constitutes the action of the committee.

73 (e) (i) The center shall provide staff support to the committee.

74 (ii) An individual who is a member of the committee may not serve as staff to the  
75 committee.

76 (f) A member of the committee may not receive compensation for the member's service  
77 on the committee.

78 (g) The committee may adopt bylaws to govern the committee's operation.

79 (3) (a) The committee shall administer a grant program to assist counties in  
80 maintaining and protecting corners or monuments.

81 (b) A county wishing to receive a grant under the program described in Subsection  
82 (3)(a) shall submit to the committee an application that:

83 (i) identifies one or more monuments in the county that are in need of protection or  
84 rehabilitation;

85 (ii) establishes a plan that is consistent with federal law or rule to protect or rehabilitate

86 each monument identified under Subsection (3)(b)(i); and

87 (iii) requests a specific amount of funding to complete the plan established under  
88 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).

89 (c) The committee shall:

90 (i) adopt criteria to:

91 (A) evaluate whether a monument identified by a county under Subsection (3)(b)(i)  
92 needs protection or rehabilitation; and

93 (B) identify which monuments identified by a county under Subsection (3)(b)(i) have  
94 the greatest need of protection or rehabilitation;

95 (ii) evaluate each application submitted by a county under Subsection (3)(b) using the  
96 criteria adopted by the committee under Subsection (3)(c)(i);

97 (iii) subject to sufficient funding and Subsection (3)(d), award grants to counties whose  
98 applications are most favorably evaluated under Subsection (3)(c)(ii); and

99 (iv) establish a date by which a county awarded a grant under Subsection (3)(c)(iii)  
100 shall report back to the committee.

101 (d) The committee may not award a grant to a county under this section in an amount  
102 greater than \$100,000.

103 (4) A county that is awarded a grant under this section shall:

104 (a) document the work performed by the county, pursuant to the plan established by the  
105 county under Subsection (3)(b)(ii), to protect or rehabilitate a monument; and

106 (b) before the date established under Subsection (3)(c)(iv), report to the committee on  
107 the work performed by the county.

108 (5) (a) If the committee has not expended all of the funds appropriated to the  
109 committee by the Legislature for the fulfillment of the committee's duties under this section  
110 before December 31, ~~2016~~ 2017, the committee shall disburse any remaining funds equally  
111 among all counties that have established a dedicated monument preservation fund by ordinance  
112 as provided in Section [17-23-19](#).

113 (b) A county to which the center has disbursed funds under Subsection (5)(a) shall:

- 114           (i) deposit the funds into the county's monument preservation fund; and  
115           (ii) expend the funds, in consultation with the committee, for the maintenance and  
116 preservation of monuments in the county.