SECTION CORNERS AND QUARTER POSTS
Act 149 of 1883

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of the several counties in this state to provide for ascertaining, preserving and maintaining the original section corners and quarter posts, as surveyed and recorded by the original survey, and to repeal Act No. 159 of the session laws of 1877, Act No. 205 of the session laws of 1879 and Act No. 73 of the session laws of 1881.

History: 1883, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

54.221 Section corners and quarter posts; establishment, records; referendum, tax levy, limitation.

Sec. 1. That the boards of supervisors of the several counties in this state are hereby authorized to establish and perpetuate any government section corners or quarter posts in their respective counties, which they may have good reason to believe are lost or are in danger of being lost, by the employment of a surveyor therefor, who shall keep a full and complete record of his work, giving in detail the evidences by which any corner is identified, also the manner in which any lost corner is identified, also the manner in which lost corners are reestablished; which record shall be kept in the same book provided by the county for surveyors' records, and kept in the office of the county surveyor, and the record so made and entered by the surveyor aforesaid, shall be received as evidence in all the courts of this state wherein any question may arise as to the establishment or identification of such corner or corners: Provided, That such work shall be done only in such townships where a majority of the voters, voting, shall vote to raise such sum as is required, not exceeding 250 dollars for any 1 township of 36 sections, or in that proportion for townships of greater or lesser size, for such work by any surveyor authorized to do such work, as provided in section 1 of this act: And provided further, That nothing in this act shall apply to lands where section and quarter section lines are already properly established. Such sum to be assessed upon the real estate of such township, according to its cash value. Such assessment to be levied and the taxes therefrom collected in the same manner as other assessments and collection of taxes are made.

History: 1883, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883;—How. 510a;—CL 1897, 2511;—CL 1915, 2329;—CL 1929, 1183;—CL 1948, 54.221.

54.222 Section corners and quarter posts; marking; removal, penalty.

Sec. 2. The surveyor as above employed shall sink into the earth at all section and quarter post corners from the surface to a depth of at least 3 feet, a column of broken brick, charcoal, broken stones, or other easily distinguishable substance, of a diameter of at least 3 inches, and carefully describe the same in the records of his survey, and also to mark and record new witness trees wherever possible to do so, and if any person shall wilfully cut down, destroy, deface or injure any living witness tree, or remove a corner post in any shape, as above established, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than 25 dollars nor more than 50 dollars.

History: 1883, Act 149, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883;—How. 510b;—Am. 1889, Act 71, Eff. Sept. 8, 1889;—CL 1897, 2512;—CL 1915, 2330;—CL 1929, 1184;—CL 1948, 54.222.

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