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## 2001 SENATE BILL 427

February 7, 2002 – Introduced by Senators SHIBILSKI, WELCH, BURKE, GEORGE and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives JESKEWITZ, AINSWORTH, HAHN, LIPPERT, ALBERS, VRAKAS, MILLER, SHERMAN and LA FAVE. Referred to Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 443.06 (2) (c); *to renumber and amend* 443.01 (4) and 443.14  
2           (8) (a); *to amend* 15.405 (2) (intro.), (a) and (b), 30.11 (3), 30.13 (3) (a), 59.20 (2),  
3           59.43 (8), 59.45 (1) (a) 2., 59.45 (1) (b), 59.45 (3), 59.46, 59.74 (2) (b) 1., 59.74 (2)  
4           (c), 59.74 (2) (g), 59.74 (2) (h), 59.74 (2) (j), 59.75, 60.84 (1), 157.07 (1), 236.15  
5           (2), 236.34 (1) (a), 440.08 (2) (a) 39., chapter 443 (title), 443.01 (3), 443.02 (4),  
6           443.06 (title), 443.06 (1) (title), 443.06 (1) (a), 443.06 (1) (b), 443.06 (2) (intro.),  
7           443.06 (2) (a), 443.06 (2) (am), 443.06 (2) (b), 443.06 (2) (bm), 443.06 (2) (cm),  
8           443.06 (2) (d), 443.06 (2) (e), 443.06 (2) (em), 443.06 (3), 443.10 (title), 443.10 (2)  
9           (b), 443.10 (5), 443.12 (title), 443.12 (1), 443.12 (3), 443.14 (8) (b), 443.14 (8) (c),  
10          443.14 (8) (d), 443.14 (9), 443.14 (11), 443.18 (2) (b), 703.11 (2) (b), 703.11 (4),  
11          703.13 (6) (e), 703.13 (7) (c), 707.215 (5) (intro.), 709.02 and 709.07; and *to*  
12          **create** 443.01 (1g), 443.01 (1r), 443.01 (3b), 443.01 (6s) (a) and (b), 443.01 (6s)  
13          (d) 3. and 4., 443.01 (6s) (f) to (h), 443.01 (7m) and 443.135 of the statutes;

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- 1           **relating to:** professional land surveyors and the practice of professional land  
2           surveying and granting rule-making authority.
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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person may not practice land surveying or represent that he or she is a land surveyor unless the land surveyor section (section) of the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors (board) has issued a certificate of registration or permit to the person. “Land surveying” is defined as determining the location of land boundaries and boundary corners; preparing maps that show the shape and area of tracts of land or subdivisions or the layout of roads, streets, or rights-of-way; or preparing official plats or maps of land in this state.

This bill replaces “land surveying” with the term “practice of professional land surveying” and defines the term as any of the following:

1. Establishing, restoring, or perpetuating private or public land boundaries and boundary corners.
2. Preparing maps for establishing the boundaries of interests in real property that depict any of the following: a) the shape and area of tracts of land or the subdivision or consolidation of tracts; b) the layout and rights-of-way of roads or streets; c) air, water, or property rights; or d) public or private easements.
3. Preparing assessors’ or official plats or maps of lands in this state.
4. Measuring and analyzing a tract of land to determine its legal description.
5. Designing or coordinating designs for platting or subdividing tracts of land.
6. Applying knowledge or experience about land surveying to assist in the development, use, or management of geographic or land information systems.
7. Performing cartographic, construction, or geodetic surveying in connection with any of the practices described in the above items.
8. Providing consultation services related to any of the practices described in the above items.

The bill also replaces the certificate of registration requirement under current law with a licensure requirement. Therefore, under the bill with certain exceptions, a person may not engage in the practice of professional land surveying or represent that he or she is a professional land surveyor unless the person is issued a license or permit by the section. Also, after July 1, 2010, the bill requires employees of the federal government, this state, and public utilities to obtain a license or permit to engage in the practice of professional land surveying. Such employees are exempt from the certificate of registration and permit requirements under current law.

In addition, the bill changes the name of the section to the professional land surveyor section and changes the name of the board to the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and professional land surveyors. Finally, the bill replaces various references under current law to “registered land surveyor” with “licensed professional land surveyor.”

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1           **SECTION 1.** 15.405 (2) (intro.), (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:
- 2           15.405 (2)   EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
3           PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS. (intro.)  
4           There is created an examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional  
5           engineers, designers, and professional land surveyors in the department of  
6           regulation and licensing. Any professional member appointed to the examining  
7           board shall be registered or licensed to practice architecture, landscape architecture,  
8           professional engineering, the design of engineering systems, or professional land  
9           surveying under ch. 443. The examining board shall consist of the following  
10          members appointed for 4-year terms: 3 architects, 3 landscape architects, 3  
11          professional engineers, 3 designers, 3 professional land surveyors, and 10 public  
12          members.
- 13          (a) In operation, the examining board shall be divided into an architect section,  
14          a landscape architect section, an engineer section, a designer section, and a  
15          professional land surveyor section. Each section shall consist of the 3 members of  
16          the named profession appointed to the examining board and 2 public members  
17          appointed to the section. The examining board shall elect its own officers, and shall  
18          meet at least twice annually.
- 19          (b) All matters pertaining to passing upon the qualifications of applicants for  
20          and the granting or revocation of registration or licensure, and all other matters of  
21          interest to either the architect, landscape architect, engineer, designer, or

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1 professional land surveyor section shall be acted upon solely by the interested  
2 section.

3 **SECTION 2.** 30.11 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 30.11 (3) HOW ESTABLISHED. Whenever any municipality proposes to establish  
5 a bulkhead line or to reestablish an existing bulkhead line, the municipality shall  
6 indicate both the existing shore and the proposed bulkhead line upon a map and shall  
7 file with the department for its approval 6 copies of the map and 6 copies of the  
8 ordinance establishing the bulkhead line. The map shall use a scale of not less than  
9 100 feet to an inch or any other scale required by the department. The map and a  
10 metes and bounds description of the bulkhead line shall be prepared by a licensed  
11 professional land surveyor ~~registered~~ licensed in this state. The department may  
12 require the installation of permanent reference markers to the bulkhead line. Upon  
13 approval by the department, the municipality shall deliver the map, description, and  
14 ordinance to the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the bulkhead  
15 line lies, to be recorded by the register of deeds.

16 **SECTION 3.** 30.13 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 30.13 (3) (a) Any municipality authorized by s. 30.11 to establish a bulkhead  
18 line may also establish a pierhead line in the same manner as it is authorized to  
19 establish a bulkhead line, except that a metes and bounds legal description is not  
20 required nor is the map required to be prepared by a ~~registered~~ licensed professional  
21 land surveyor and except that if the municipality has created a board of harbor  
22 commissioners the municipality must obtain the approval of the board concerning  
23 the establishment of the pierhead line in addition to obtaining the approval of the  
24 department.

25 **SECTION 4.** 59.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           59.20 (2) COUNTY OFFICERS; TERMS. A county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner,  
2 clerk of circuit court, register of deeds, and surveyor, who shall be a registered  
3 licensed professional land surveyor, shall be elected in each county for full terms at  
4 the general election held in each even-numbered year. The regular term of office of  
5 each such officer shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding his  
6 or her election and shall continue 2 years and until his or her successor qualifies.  
7 In lieu of electing a surveyor in any county, the board may, by resolution, designate  
8 that the duties under ss. 59.45 (1) and 59.74 (2) be performed by any registered  
9 licensed professional land surveyor employed by the county. In any county  
10 containing one town only, the county board may, by resolution, designate any county  
11 office a part-time position, combine 2 or more county offices, and, if concurred in by  
12 the town board, combine the offices of county clerk and town clerk and any other  
13 county and town offices, provided that the offices combined are not incompatible and  
14 the combination is not expressly forbidden by law. If the town board so concurs, the  
15 election may be for the combined office, and no separate election for the town office  
16 shall be held until after the county board has by resolution decided to abandon the  
17 combination, and the town board has concurred by resolution. In counties having a  
18 population of 500,000 or more, no county coroner or county surveyor may be elected.  
19 In any county in which a medical examiner system is instituted, no coroner may be  
20 elected.

21           **SECTION 5.** 59.43 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           59.43 (8) REQUIRED SIGNATURE AND SEAL ON SURVEY DOCUMENT FOR FILING OR  
23 RECORDING. It is unlawful for the register of deeds of any county or any proper public  
24 authority to file or record a map, plat, survey, or other document within the definition  
25 of the practice of professional land surveying under s. 443.01 (6s), which does not

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1 have impressed thereon, and affixed thereto, the personal signature and seal of a  
2 registered licensed professional land surveyor under whose responsible charge the  
3 map, plat, survey, or other document was prepared. This subsection does not apply  
4 to any deed, contract, or other recordable document prepared by an attorney, or to  
5 a transportation project plat that conforms to s. 84.095 and that is prepared by a state  
6 agency.

7 **SECTION 6.** 59.45 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 59.45 (1) (a) 2. Make, personally or by a deputy, a record, in books or on  
9 drawings and plats that are kept for that purpose, of all corners that are set and the  
10 manner of fixing the corners and of all bearings and the distances of all courses run,  
11 of each survey made personally, by deputies or by other licensed professional land  
12 surveyors and arrange or index the record so it is an ~~easy-to-use~~ easy-to-use  
13 reference and file and preserve in the office the original field notes and calculation  
14 thereof. Within 60 days after completing any survey, the county surveyor shall make  
15 a true and correct copy of the foregoing record, in record books or on reproducible  
16 papers to be furnished by the county and kept in files in the office of the county  
17 surveyor to be provided by the county. In a county with a population of 500,000 or  
18 more where there is no county surveyor, a copy of the record shall also be filed in the  
19 office of the regional planning commission which acts in the capacity of county  
20 surveyor for the county.

21 **SECTION 7.** 59.45 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 59.45 (1) (b) Surveys for individuals or corporations may be performed by any  
23 licensed professional land surveyor who is employed by the parties requiring the  
24 services, providing that within 60 days after completing any survey the land  
25 surveyor files a true and correct copy of the survey in the office of the county surveyor.

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1 In counties with a population of 500,000 or more the copy shall be filed in the office  
2 of the register of deeds and in the office of the regional planning commission which  
3 acts in the capacity of county surveyor for the county.

4 **SECTION 8.** 59.45 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 59.45 (3) SURVEYOR; FEES. In addition to the regular fees of licensed professional  
6 land surveyors that are received from the parties employing the county surveyor, the  
7 county surveyor may receive a salary from the county.

8 **SECTION 9.** 59.46 of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **59.46 Penalty for nonfeasance.** Any county surveyor, any city, village, or  
10 town engineer, or any licensed professional land surveyor who fails or refuses to  
11 perform any duty required of that person by law shall forfeit not less than \$25 nor  
12 more than \$50 for each such failure or refusal.

13 **SECTION 10.** 59.74 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 59.74 (2) (b) 1. Whenever it becomes necessary to destroy, remove, or cover up  
15 in such a way that will make it inaccessible for use, any landmark, monument of  
16 survey, or corner post within the meaning of this subsection, the person including  
17 employees of governmental agencies who intend to commit such act shall serve  
18 written notice at least 30 days prior to the act upon the county surveyor of the county  
19 within which the landmark is located. Notice shall also be served upon the  
20 municipality's engineer if the landmark is located within the corporate limits of a  
21 municipality. The notice shall include a description of the landmark, monument of  
22 survey, or corner post and the reason for removing or covering it. In this paragraph,  
23 removal of a landmark includes the removal of railroad track by the owner of the  
24 track. In a county having a population of less than 500,000 where there is no county  
25 surveyor, notice shall be served upon the clerk. In a county with a population of

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1 500,000 or more where there is no county surveyor, notice shall be served upon the  
2 executive director of the regional planning commission which acts in the capacity of  
3 county surveyor for the county. Notwithstanding par. (c), upon receipt of the notice  
4 the clerk shall appoint a ~~registered~~ licensed professional land surveyor to perform  
5 the duties of a county surveyor under subd. 2.

6 **SECTION 11.** 59.74 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 59.74 (2) (c) In those counties where there are no county surveyors a petition  
8 can be made to the board by any resident of this state requesting the board to appoint  
9 a licensed professional land surveyor to act in the capacity of the county surveyor.  
10 The board, upon receipt of this petition, shall appoint a licensed professional land  
11 surveyor to act in the capacity of the county surveyor. In counties with a population  
12 of 500,000 or more, the board may appoint a governmental agency to act in the  
13 capacity of county surveyor.

14 **SECTION 12.** 59.74 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 59.74 (2) (g) Every licensed professional land surveyor and every officer of the  
16 department of natural resources and the district attorney shall enforce this  
17 subsection.

18 **SECTION 13.** 59.74 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 59.74 (2) (h) Any ~~registered~~ licensed professional land surveyor employed by  
20 the department of transportation or by a county highway department, may, incident  
21 to employment as such, assume and perform the duties and act in the capacity of the  
22 county surveyor under this subsection with respect to preservation and perpetuation  
23 of landmarks, witness monuments, and corner posts upon and along state trunk,  
24 county trunk, and town highways. Upon completing a survey and perpetuating  
25 landmarks and witness monuments under par. (b) 2., a licensed professional land



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1 surveyor employed by the state shall file the field notes and records in the district  
2 office or main office of the department of transportation, and a licensed professional  
3 land surveyor employed by a county shall file the field notes and records in the office  
4 of the county highway commissioner, open to inspection by the public, and in either  
5 case a true and correct copy of the field notes and records shall be filed with the  
6 county surveyor. In a county with a population of 500,000 or more where there is no  
7 county surveyor, a copy of the field notes and records shall also be filed in the office  
8 of the regional planning commission which acts in the capacity of county surveyor  
9 for the county.

10 **SECTION 14.** 59.74 (2) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 59.74 (2) (j) The county surveyor may employ other licensed professional land  
12 surveyors to assist in this work and may accept reference checks for these corners  
13 from any licensed professional land surveyor.

14 **SECTION 15.** 59.75 of the statutes is amended to read:

15 **59.75 Certificates and records as evidence.** The certificate and also the  
16 official record of the county surveyor when produced by the legal custodian thereof,  
17 or any of the county surveyor's deputies, when duly signed by the county surveyor  
18 in his or her official capacity, shall be admitted as evidence in any court within the  
19 state, but the same may be explained or rebutted by other evidence. If any county  
20 surveyor or any of his or her deputies are interested in any tract of land a survey of  
21 which becomes necessary, such survey may be executed by any licensed professional  
22 land surveyor appointed by the board.

23 **SECTION 16.** 60.84 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 60.84 (1) SURVEY, CONTRACT FOR. The town board may contract with the county  
25 surveyor or any registered licensed professional land surveyor to survey all or some

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1 of the sections in the town and to erect monuments under this section as directed by  
2 the board.

3 **SECTION 17.** 157.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 157.07 (1) A cemetery authority shall cause to be surveyed and platted by a  
5 professional land surveyor ~~registered~~ licensed in this state those portions of the  
6 lands that are from time to time required for burial, into cemetery lots, drives, and  
7 walks, and record a plat or map of the land in the office of the register of deeds. The  
8 plat or map may not be recorded unless laid out and platted to the satisfaction of the  
9 county board of the county, and the town board of the town in which the land is  
10 situated, or, if the land is situated within a 1st class city, then only by the common  
11 council of that city.

12 **SECTION 18.** 236.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 236.15 (2) ACCURACY OF SURVEY. The survey shall be performed by a  
14 professional land surveyor ~~registered~~ licensed in this state, and if the error in the  
15 latitude and departure closure of the survey or any part thereof is greater than the  
16 ratio of one in 3,000, the plat may be rejected.

17 **SECTION 19.** 236.34 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 236.34 (1) (a) The survey shall be performed and the map prepared by a  
19 professional land surveyor ~~registered~~ licensed in this state. The error in the latitude  
20 and departure closure of the survey may not exceed the ratio of one in 3,000.

21 **SECTION 20.** 440.08 (2) (a) 39. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act  
22 16, is amended to read:

23 440.08 (2) (a) 39. Land surveyor, professional: February 1 of each  
24 even-numbered year; \$77.

25 **SECTION 21.** Chapter 443 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

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**SECTION 22.** 443.01 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

443.01 (1g) “Cartographic surveying” means collecting topographic, hydrographic, aerial, anthropologic, forensic, architectural, or mining data that depicts areas and physical features on, below, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, or above the surface of the earth and compiling maps.

**SECTION 23.** 443.01 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

443.01 (1r) “Construction surveying” means surveying or mapping in support of infrastructure design, improvements related to private and public boundary lines, construction layout or historic preservation, and establishing any postconstruction documentation related to such surveying or mapping.

**SECTION 24.** 443.01 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

443.01 (3) “Examining board” means the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers, and professional land surveyors.

**SECTION 25.** 443.01 (3b) of the statutes is created to read:

443.01 (3b) “Geodetic surveying” means surveying to determine the size and shape of the earth or the precise positions of points on the surface of the earth.

**SECTION 26.** 443.01 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 443.01 (6s) (intro.) and amended to read:

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1           443.01 (6s) (intro.) “Land Practice of professional land surveying” means any  
2 service comprising the determination of the location of the following:

3           (c) Establishing, restoring, or perpetuating private or public land boundaries  
4 and land boundary corners; the preparation of,

5           (d) Preparing maps showing the for the purpose of establishing the boundaries  
6 of interests in real property that depict any of the following:

7           1. The shape and area of tracts of land and their subdivisions into smaller  
8 tracts; the preparation of maps showing the or the subdivision or consolidation of  
9 tracts of land.

10           2. The layout and rights-of-way of roads, or streets and rights-of-way of same  
11 to give access to smaller tracts; and the preparation of.

12           (e) Preparing assessors’ or official plats, or maps, of land in this state.

13           **SECTION 27.** 443.01 (6s) (a) and (b) of the statutes are created to read:

14           443.01 (6s) (a) Measuring and analyzing a tract of land to determine its legal  
15 description.

16           (b) Designing or coordinating designs for the purpose of platting or subdividing  
17 land into smaller tracts.

18           **SECTION 28.** 443.01 (6s) (d) 3. and 4. of the statutes are created to read:

19           443.01 (6s) (d) 3. Air, water, or property rights.

20           4. Public or private easements.

21           **SECTION 29.** 443.01 (6s) (f) to (h) of the statutes are created to read:

22           443.01 (6s) (f) Applying knowledge or experience about land surveying to assist  
23 in the development, use, or management of geographic or land information systems  
24 that collect, organize, or disseminate data regarding land ownership or land  
25 resources.

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1 (g) Performing cartographic, construction, or geodetic surveying in connection  
2 with any of the practices specified in pars. (a) to (e).

3 (h) Providing consultation services related to any of the practices specified in  
4 this subsection.

5 **SECTION 30.** 443.01 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

6 443.01 (7m) "Professional land surveyor" means a person who, by reason of his  
7 or her knowledge of law, mathematics, physical sciences, and measurement  
8 techniques, acquired by education and practical experience, is granted a license or  
9 permit to engage in the practice of professional land surveying under this chapter.

10 **SECTION 31.** 443.02 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 443.02 (4) No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of  
12 professional land surveying in this state or use or advertise any title or description  
13 tending to convey the impression that the person is a professional land surveyor  
14 unless the person has been ~~issued a certificate of registration or granted a~~ license or  
15 permit to practice under this chapter.

16 **SECTION 32.** 443.06 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **443.06** (title) **Registration Licensure requirements for professional**  
18 **land surveyors.**

19 **SECTION 33.** 443.06 (1) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 443.06 (1) (title) ~~REGISTRATION~~ LICENSURE, APPLICATION, QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE.

21 **SECTION 34.** 443.06 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 443.06 (1) (a) Application for ~~registration~~ licensure as a professional land  
23 surveyor or a permit to practice shall be made to the section under oath, on forms  
24 provided by the department, which shall require the applicant to submit such  
25 information as the section deems necessary. The section may require applicants to

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1 pass written or oral examinations or both. Applicants who do not have an arrest or  
2 conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, shall be entitled to be  
3 ~~registered or issued a~~ granted a license or permit to practice as professional land  
4 surveyors when satisfactory evidence is submitted that the applicant has met one or  
5 more of the requirements of sub. (2).

6 **SECTION 35.** 443.06 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 443.06 (1) (b) Each year, but not more than 4 years, of work or training  
8 completed in a curriculum in land surveying approved by the professional land  
9 surveyor section, or responsible charge of land surveying teaching may be considered  
10 as equivalent to one year of qualifying experience in land surveying work, and each  
11 year, but not more than 4 years, completed in a curriculum other than land surveying  
12 approved by the ~~land surveyor~~ section, may be considered as equivalent to one-half  
13 year of qualifying experience.

14 **SECTION 36.** 443.06 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 443.06 (2) ~~REQUIREMENTS; CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION~~ LICENSE. (intro.) The  
16 section may grant a ~~certificate of registration as a~~ professional land surveyor license  
17 to any person who has submitted to it an application, the required fees, and one or  
18 more of the following:

19 **SECTION 37.** 443.06 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 443.06 (2) (a) A record of completion of a course in land surveying of not less  
21 than 2 years' duration approved by the professional land surveyor section together  
22 with 2 years of practice in land surveying work of satisfactory character which  
23 indicates that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of such  
24 work, if the applicant has passed an oral and written or written examination  
25 administered by the ~~land surveyor~~ section. This paragraph applies to actions of the

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1 ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for professional land surveyors' ~~eertificates~~  
2 licenses that are submitted to the ~~land surveyor~~ section before July 1, 2000.

3 **SECTION 38.** 443.06 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 443.06 (2) (am) Evidence satisfactory to the professional land surveyor section  
5 that he or she has received a bachelor's degree in a course in land surveying or a  
6 related field that has a duration of not less than 4 years and is approved by the ~~land~~  
7 ~~surveyor~~ section, and that he or she has engaged in at least 2 years of land surveying  
8 practice of satisfactory character that indicates that the applicant is competent to  
9 engage in the practice of professional land surveying, if the applicant has passed an  
10 oral and written or written examination administered by the ~~land surveyor~~ section.  
11 This paragraph applies to actions of the ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for  
12 professional land surveyors' ~~eertificates~~ licenses that are submitted to the ~~land~~  
13 ~~surveyor~~ section after June 30, 2000.

14 **SECTION 39.** 443.06 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 443.06 (2) (b) A record of 6 years of practice in land surveying of satisfactory  
16 character, which indicates that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible  
17 charge of such work, if the applicant has passed an oral and written or written  
18 examination administered by the professional land surveyor section. This  
19 paragraph applies to actions of the ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for  
20 professional land surveyors' ~~eertificates~~ licenses that are submitted to the ~~land~~  
21 ~~surveyor~~ section before July 1, 2000.

22 **SECTION 40.** 443.06 (2) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 443.06 (2) (bm) Evidence satisfactory to the professional land surveyor section  
24 that he or she has received an associate degree in a course in land surveying or a  
25 related field that has a duration of not less than 2 years and is approved by the ~~land~~

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1 surveyor section, and that he or she has engaged in at least 4 years of land surveying  
2 practice of satisfactory character that indicates that the applicant is competent to  
3 engage in the practice of professional land surveying, if the applicant has passed an  
4 oral and written or written examination administered by the ~~land surveyor~~ section.  
5 This paragraph applies to actions of the ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for  
6 professional land surveyors' ~~certificates~~ licenses that are submitted to the ~~land~~  
7 ~~surveyor~~ section after June 30, 2000.

8 **SECTION 41.** 443.06 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 42.** 443.06 (2) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 443.06 (2) (cm) Evidence satisfactory to the professional land surveyor section  
11 that he or she has engaged in at least 10 years of land surveying practice of  
12 satisfactory character that indicates that the applicant is competent to engage in the  
13 practice of professional land surveying, if the applicant has passed an oral and  
14 written or written examination administered by the ~~land surveyor~~ section. This  
15 paragraph applies to actions of the ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for  
16 professional land surveyors' ~~certificates~~ licenses that are submitted to the ~~land~~  
17 ~~surveyor~~ section after June 30, 2000.

18 **SECTION 43.** 443.06 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 443.06 (2) (d) An unexpired certificate of registration, certification, or license  
20 as a land surveyor or professional land surveyor issued to the applicant by the proper  
21 authority in any state or territory or possession of the United States or in any other  
22 country whose requirements meet or exceed the requirement for ~~registration~~  
23 licensure in this subsection, if the applicant has passed an oral and written or written  
24 examination administered by the professional land surveyor section.

25 **SECTION 44.** 443.06 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:



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1           443.06 (2) (e) A record of satisfactory completion of an apprenticeship training  
2 course in land surveying prescribed by the department of workforce development, of  
3 satisfactory character which indicates that the applicant is competent to be placed  
4 in responsible charge of such work, if the applicant has passed an oral and written  
5 or written examination administered by the professional land surveyor section. This  
6 paragraph applies to actions of the ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for  
7 professional land surveyors' ~~certificates~~ licenses that are submitted to the ~~land~~  
8 ~~surveyor~~ section before July 1, 2000.

9           **SECTION 45.** 443.06 (2) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           443.06 (2) (em) Evidence satisfactory to the professional land surveyor section  
11 that he or she has completed an apprenticeship training course in land surveying  
12 prescribed by the department of workforce development, and has engaged in a period  
13 of additional land surveying practice of satisfactory character that indicates that the  
14 applicant is competent to engage in the practice of professional land surveying and  
15 that, when added to the period of the apprenticeship, totals at least 8 years of land  
16 surveying practice, if the applicant has passed an oral and written or written  
17 examination administered by the ~~land surveyor~~ section. This paragraph applies to  
18 actions of the ~~land surveyor~~ section on applications for professional land surveyors'  
19 ~~certificates~~ licenses that are submitted to the ~~land surveyor~~ section after June 30,  
20 2000.

21           **SECTION 46.** 443.06 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           443.06 (3) PERMIT TO PRACTICE. The examining board may grant a permit to  
23 engage in the practice of professional land surveying during the time an application  
24 is pending to a person who is not registered licensed in this state, if the person has  
25 submitted an application for registration as a professional land surveyor license and

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1 paid the required fee and holds an unexpired certificate of registration, certification,  
2 or license which in the opinion of the examining board meets the requirements of sub.  
3 (2). The permit shall be revocable by the section at its pleasure.

4 **SECTION 47.** 443.10 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **443.10 (title) Applications, certificates, licenses, rules, and roster.**

6 **SECTION 48.** 443.10 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 443.10 (2) (b) The fees for examinations and licenses credentials, as defined in  
8 s. 440.01 (2) (a), granted or renewed under this chapter are specified in ss. 440.05 and  
9 440.08.

10 **SECTION 49.** 443.10 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 443.10 (5) FEES; RENEWALS. The professional land surveyor's surveyor section  
12 shall grant a ~~certificate of registration~~ as a professional land surveyor license to any  
13 applicant who has met the applicable requirements of this chapter. The renewal date  
14 and renewal fee for the ~~certificate~~ license are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a).

15 **SECTION 50.** 443.12 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **443.12 (title) Disciplinary proceedings against professional land**  
17 **surveyors.**

18 **SECTION 51.** 443.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 443.12 (1) The section may reprimand a licensed professional land surveyor,  
20 or limit, suspend, or revoke ~~the certificate of registration~~ of any professional land  
21 surveyor license, for the practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining the ~~certificate~~  
22 license, or any gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of  
23 professional land surveying.

24 **SECTION 52.** 443.12 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           443.12 (3) If after a hearing 3 members vote in favor of reprimand or limiting,  
2           suspending, or revoking the ~~certificate of registration~~ license of a professional land  
3           surveyor, the section shall notify the surveyor to that effect. The surveyor shall  
4           return the ~~certificate~~ license to the examining board immediately on receipt of notice  
5           of a revocation. The action of the section may be reviewed under ch. 227.

6           **SECTION 53.** 443.135 of the statutes is created to read:

7           **443.135 Cartographic, construction, and geodetic surveying.** Nothing  
8           in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a person who has not been granted a  
9           license or permit to practice professional land surveying under this chapter from  
10          performing cartographic, construction, or geodetic surveying, unless the  
11          performance of cartographic, construction, or geodetic surveying also involves a  
12          practice specified in s. 443.01 (6s) (a) to (e).

13          **SECTION 54.** 443.14 (8) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 443.14 (8) and  
14          amended to read:

15          443.14 (8) An employee of a professional land surveyor registered licensed in  
16          this state or authorized to practice under a permit, while ~~working~~ doing surveying  
17          work under the supervision of the employer. Such exempt employee shall not be in  
18          responsible charge of the practice of professional land surveying.

19          **SECTION 55.** 443.14 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20          443.14 (8) (b) Officers and employees of the federal government while engaged  
21          in land surveying for the federal government. This paragraph does not apply after  
22          July 1, 2010.

23          **SECTION 56.** 443.14 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24          443.14 (8) (c) Employees of this state while engaged in land surveying for the  
25          state. This paragraph does not apply after July 1, 2010.

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1           **SECTION 57.** 443.14 (8) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           443.14 (8) (d) Employees of public utilities regulated by the public service  
3 commission in land surveying for such utilities. This paragraph does not apply after  
4 July 1, 2010.

5           **SECTION 58.** 443.14 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           443.14 (9) A license or permit shall not be required for an owner to survey his  
7 or her own land for purposes other than for sale.

8           **SECTION 59.** 443.14 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           443.14 (11) Any professional land surveyor ~~registered~~ licensed under s. 443.06  
10 who is engaged in the planning, design, installation, or regulation of land and water  
11 conservation activities under ch. 92 or s. 281.65.

12           **SECTION 60.** 443.18 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           443.18 (2) (b) If it appears upon complaint or is known to the section that any  
14 person who is not authorized is ~~practicing~~ engaged or offering to engage in the  
15 practice of professional land surveying in this state, the section, the department of  
16 justice, or the district attorney of the proper county may, in addition to other  
17 remedies, bring an action in the name and on behalf of the state to enjoin the person  
18 from ~~practicing~~ engaging or offering to engage in the practice of professional land  
19 surveying.

20           **SECTION 61.** 703.11 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           703.11 (2) (b) A survey of the property described in the declaration complying  
22 with minimum standards for property surveys adopted by the examining board of  
23 architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers, and professional  
24 land surveyors and showing the location of any unit or building located or to be  
25 located on the property.

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1           **SECTION 62.** 703.11 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           703.11 (4) SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE. A condominium plat is sufficient for the  
3 purposes of this chapter if there is attached to or included in it a certificate of a  
4 licensed professional land surveyor authorized to practice that profession in this  
5 state that the plat is a correct representation of the condominium described, and the  
6 identification and location of each unit and the common elements can be determined  
7 from the plat.

8           **SECTION 63.** 703.13 (6) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           703.13 (6) (e) Plats and plans showing the altered boundaries and the  
10 dimensions thereof between adjoining units, and their identifying numbers or  
11 letters, shall be prepared. The plats and plans shall be certified as to their accuracy  
12 in compliance with this subsection by a civil engineer, architect, or licensed  
13 professional land surveyor authorized to practice his or her profession in the state.

14           **SECTION 64.** 703.13 (7) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           703.13 (7) (c) Plats and plans showing the boundaries and dimensions  
16 separating the new units together with their other boundaries and their new  
17 identifying numbers or letters shall be prepared. The plats and plans shall be  
18 certified as to their accuracy and compliance with this subsection by a civil engineer,  
19 architect, or licensed professional land surveyor authorized to practice his or her  
20 profession in the state.

21           **SECTION 65.** 707.215 (5) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           707.215 (5) SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE. (intro.) A plat is sufficient for the purposes  
23 of this chapter if attached to or included in the plat is a certificate of a professional  
24 land surveyor licensed to practice in this state, and the certificate provides all of the  
25 following:

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1           **SECTION 66.** 709.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **709.02 Disclosure.** In regard to transfers described in s. 709.01, the owner  
3 of the property shall furnish, not later than 10 days after acceptance of a contract of  
4 sale or option contract, to the prospective buyer of the property a completed copy of  
5 the report under s. 709.03, subject to s. 709.035, except that the owner may substitute  
6 for any entry information supplied by a licensed engineer, licensed professional land  
7 surveyor, or structural pest control operator or by an individual who is a qualified 3rd  
8 party, as defined in s. 452.23 (2) (b), or by a contractor about matters within the scope  
9 of the contractor's occupation if the information is in writing and is furnished on time  
10 and if the entry to which it relates is identified and except that the owner may  
11 substitute for any entry information supplied by a public agency, as defined in s.  
12 66.0825 (3) (h). Information that substitutes for an entry on the report under s.  
13 709.03 and that is supplied by a person specified in this section may be submitted  
14 and certified on a supplemental report prepared by the person, as long as the  
15 information otherwise satisfies the requirements under this section. A prospective  
16 buyer who does not receive a report within the 10 days may, within 2 business days  
17 after the end of that 10-day period, rescind the contract of sale or option contract by  
18 delivering a written notice of rescission to the owner or to the owner's agent.

19           **SECTION 67.** 709.07 of the statutes is amended to read:

20           **709.07 Liability precluded.** An owner is not liable for an error or omission  
21 in a report under s. 709.03 if the owner had no knowledge of that error or omission,  
22 if the error or omission was based on information provided by a public agency, as  
23 defined in s. 66.0825 (3) (h), or by a licensed engineer, licensed professional land  
24 surveyor, structural pest control operator, or qualified 3rd party, as defined in s.

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1 452.23 (2) (b), or by a contractor about matters within the scope of the contractor's  
2 occupation.

3 **SECTION 68. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) Notwithstanding section 443.02 (4) of the statutes, as affected by this act,  
5 on the effective date of this subsection, a person who has been granted a certificate  
6 of registration as a land surveyor under section 443.06 (2) of the statutes or a permit  
7 to practice land surveying under section 443.06 (3) of the statutes is considered to be  
8 granted a professional land surveyor license under section 443.06 (2) of the statutes,  
9 as affected by this act, or a permit to engage in the practice of professional land  
10 surveying under section 443.06 (3) of the statutes, as affected by this act, and the  
11 professional land surveyor section of the examining board of architects, landscape  
12 architects, professional engineers, designers, and professional land surveyors shall  
13 issue to the person, as appropriate, a professional land surveyor license under  
14 section 443.06 (2) of the statutes, as affected by this act, or a permit to practice  
15 professional land surveying under section 443.06 (3) of the statutes, as affected by  
16 this act.

17 **SECTION 69. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) The treatment of sections 709.02 and 709.07 of the statutes first applies to  
19 reports furnished on the effective date of this subsection.

20 **SECTION 70. Effective date.**

21 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after  
22 publication.

23 (END)