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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes, rather than requires, a county engineer to survey lands sold for taxes.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

County engineer--background

The county engineer performs for the county all surveys required by law, all services authorized or required by law to be done by a registered professional engineer or registered surveyor in connection with certain public improvements, and other duties required by the board of county commissioners, except for duties related to solid waste management, county sewers, and county water supply. The county engineer performs those excepted duties only when the engineer and the board of county commissioners agree to their performance. (Sec. 315.14, not in the bill.)

One of the county engineer's duties involves land surveys. Current law requires the county engineer to survey any land or lot in the county that has been sold for taxes if (1) the land or lot is set off to another county by the erection of a new county or a change of county lines or (2) a person asks for the survey and produces a "certificate from the proper officer." (Presumably, this refers to proof that the person bought the land when it was sold for taxes and has a certificate from the official's office that sold the land; the official often is the county sheriff.) (Sec. 315.18.) This survey can be considered as evidence of the property's boundaries (sec. 315.22, not in the bill).

Changes made by the bill

The bill authorizes, rather than requires, the county engineer to make land surveys under the conditions described in items (1) and (2) above (sec. 325.18).

HISTORY

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