

1-1 By: Cook of Navarro (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 2179  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;  
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Business and Commerce; May 11, 2005, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 11, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the practice of professional surveying.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 1071.002(6), Occupations Code, is  
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (6) "Professional surveying" means the practice of  
1-13 land, boundary, or property surveying or other similar professional  
1-14 practices. The term includes:

1-15 (A) performing any service or work the adequate  
1-16 performance of which involves applying special knowledge of the  
1-17 principles of geodesy, mathematics, related applied and physical  
1-18 sciences, and relevant laws to the measurement or location of  
1-19 sites, points, lines, angles, elevations, natural features, and  
1-20 existing man-made works in the air, on the earth's surface, within  
1-21 underground workings, and on the beds of bodies of water to  
1-22 determine areas and volumes for:

1-23 (i) locating real property boundaries;

1-24 (ii) platting and laying out land and  
1-25 subdivisions of land; or

1-26 (iii) preparing and perpetuating maps,  
1-27 record plats, field note records, easements, and real property  
1-28 descriptions that represent those surveys; and

1-29 (B) consulting, investigating, evaluating,  
1-30 analyzing, planning, providing an expert surveying opinion or  
1-31 testimony, acquiring survey data, preparing technical reports, and  
1-32 mapping to the extent those acts are performed in connection with  
1-33 acts described by this subdivision [~~Paragraph (A)~~].

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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