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S.B. No. 1454

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the definition of professional surveying.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

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

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

- (i) locating real property boundaries;
- (ii) platting and laying out land and subdivisions of land; or
- (iii) preparing and perpetuating maps, record plats, field note records, easements, and real property descriptions that represent those surveys; and

(B) consulting, investigating, evaluating, analyzing, planning, providing an expert surveying opinion or

1 testimony, acquiring survey data, preparing technical reports, and
2 mapping to the extent those acts are performed in connection with
3 acts described by this subdivision [~~Paragraph (A)~~].

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