

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2168**

As Agreed to March 24, 2025

Brief*

HB 2168 would extend the time for land surveyors to file certain public land survey reports with the Secretary of the State Historical Society from 30 days to 90 days.

This extension would apply to reference reports of each public land survey corner or any related accessory, and to restoration reports that are required after a public land surveyor replaces a survey corner with a survey monument. The bill would require reference reports to be filed within 90 days of the date the references are made and restoration reports to be filed within 90 days after the activity is completed.

The bill would also allow a county commission to designate a county office in which to file the public land survey reference report if there is no county surveyor or engineer.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee replaced the contents of HB 2168, as passed by the Senate, regarding blackout license plates, with the contents of SB 9, as passed by the Senate. [*Note:* The contents of HB 2168 regarding license plates are included in the Conference Committee report for HB 2201.]

Background

The Conference Committee replaced the contents of HB 2168, as passed by the Senate, with the contents of SB 9, as passed by the Senate.

SB 9 (Land Surveyor Reports)

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Bowers.

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Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors and State Board of Technical Professions provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents stated the bill would allow surveyors to be more efficient and effective.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas. The proponent testimony stated the bill would bring the law into alignment with common practices and changes in the practice of land surveying.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors, and representatives of the State Board of Technical Professions and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas provided written-only proponent testimony. The testimony was substantially similar to testimony provided to the Senate Committee. No other testimony was provided on the land surveyor reporting requirements.

The House Committee amended the provisions of HB 2290 pertaining to land registration near military installations and the provisions of HB 2293 pertaining to drone procurement. The Committee removed the contents of SB 9, inserted the contents of HB 2290 and HB 2293, and recommended a substitute bill.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on SB 9, as introduced, the Kansas State Historical Society indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal impact on the agency.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of SB 9 would have no fiscal impact on counties.

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