

Excerpt of Arkansas Law Governing the State Surveyor

Arkansas Code 15-21-205. State Surveyor — Generally.

(a) The Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board may employ a State Surveyor to be the head of the Division of Land Surveys of the Arkansas Geographic Information System Office.

(b) The State Surveyor shall:

(1) Be a person of proven administrative ability, an Arkansas registered professional surveyor, and a resident of the State of Arkansas with training and experience properly qualifying the person for the performance of his or her official duties;

(2) Be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board after the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board consults with the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors and the Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors;

(3) Devote his or her full time to the performance of his or her official functions and duties as prescribed in this subchapter;

(4) Hold no other lucrative position while serving as State Surveyor; and

(5) Receive such compensation as may be prescribed by law.

The State Surveyor shall have the following authority and responsibility

(1) To:

(A) Restore, maintain, and preserve the land survey monuments, section corners, and quarter section corners established by the United States Public Land Survey within the State of Arkansas, together with all pertinent field notes, plats, and documents; and

(B) Restore, establish, maintain, and preserve other boundary markers as may be determined to be necessary or important in establishing and maintaining accurate land descriptions in this state;

(2)(A) To design and cause to be placed at established public land survey corner sites, where practical, substantial monuments permanently indicating with words and figures the exact location involved.

(B) If the monuments cannot be placed at the exact corner point, then witness corners of similar design shall be placed as near as is possible with words and figures indicating the bearing and distance to the true corner;

(3) To establish, maintain, and provide safe storage facilities for a comprehensive system of recordation of information respecting all monuments established by the United States Public Land Survey within this state and any records as may be pertinent to the Division of Land Survey's establishment or maintenance of other land corners, Arkansas coordinate system stations and accessories, and monuments in general;

(4) To extend throughout the state a triangulation and leveling net of precision whereby the Arkansas Coordinate System 1983, § 15-21-301 et seq., already initiated in this state by the United States National Geodetic Survey may be made to cover to the necessary extent those areas of the state that do not now have enough geodetic control stations to permit the general use of the system by land surveyors and others;

(5) To collect and preserve information obtained from surveys made by those authorized to establish land monuments or land boundaries and to assist in the proper recording of the information by the duly constituted county officials or other appropriate officials;

(6)(A) To furnish certified copies of records created or maintained by the division to any person, entity, or agency upon request therefor and payment of the prescribed fees.

(B) All such records when certified by the State Surveyor or a designated assistant shall be admissible in evidence in any court in this state as the original record filed with this agency;

(7) To:

(A) Prescribe reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with law designed to establish uniform professional surveying and mapping methods and standards in this state;

(B) Disseminate the rules and regulations to those engaged in the profession of land surveying; and

(C) Administer the regulations by referring evidence of violations to the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as provided in subdivision (9) of this section;

- (8) To promote the training and the increase in number of quality surveyors in this state;
- (9) To receive and investigate complaints against any surveyor and to present the results from the investigation of complaints to the board for such action as the board shall deem appropriate;
- (10) To assist the county assessors in establishing accurate land descriptions of the state-owned or state-claimed lands and to assist the public and private surveyors to obtain land ownership information for surveying purposes;
- (11) To accept for the state gifts, grants, and donations from any and all persons, corporations, associations, and foundations and from the federal or state government or any agency or program thereof to be deposited in a financial institution in this state;
- (12) To enter into such agreements or contracts with agencies of the United States Government, agencies of the State of Arkansas, other states, and registered land surveyors as he or she deems necessary or desirable to properly plan and execute projects within the scope and purpose of this subchapter; and
- (13) To employ such surveyors and other professional and nonprofessional assistants and to take other reasonable action as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.