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Senate Bill 803 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons  
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Corner Recordation Act to allow the installation of reference monuments when access to a corner would be unsafe; require monuments to have specific measurements; revise the requirements for setting a monument in a public roadway and on other property; and increase the penalty to up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 180 days for destroying a corner.

The bill also would repeal Section 9, which allows corner records to be filed concerning corners established, reestablished, or restored before the Act's effective date; and Section 11, which allows the county board of commissioners of a county to authorize the county to furnish monuments for use within that county to registered land surveyors free of charge.

"Corner record" would mean a written record on a form, approved by the Board of Professional Surveyors, of a corner established, reestablished, monumented, remonumented, restored, rehabilitated, perpetuated, or used as a control in a survey.

MCL 54.202 et al.

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bill 803 (S-1) would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local government.

The bill would increase misdemeanor penalties for defacing, destroying, altering, or removing a corner monument or reference monument from 60 days' incarceration and/or a \$500 fine to 180 days' and/or \$1,000. Local units of government would incur the cost of incarceration and/or receive the fine revenue. There are no available data to indicate how many offenders may be convicted of this misdemeanor each year, and costs of incarceration vary among the counties.

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