

568.20 Withholding patent — deposit money refunded.

If the land described in any application is covered by the provisions of [sections 568.18](#) and [568.19](#), and notice thereof is given to the secretary of state as provided in [section 568.19](#), no deed or patent of such land, or any part thereof, shall be executed or issued until the title thereto shall have been established by the court as herein provided. If the party making such application, or the party's assignee, does not desire to prosecute the application, or if the party or assignee does not purchase the land under [this chapter](#), then all of the money deposited by the party or assignee with the secretary of state under the provisions of [this chapter](#) shall be repaid to said applicant by the secretary of state; and if any part of the money so deposited has been expended by the secretary of state, then the amount so expended shall be certified by the secretary of state to the director of the department of administrative services, who shall draw a warrant upon the general fund in favor of the person entitled thereto.

[S13, §2900-a18; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §10240; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §568.20]

2003 Acts, ch 145, §286