

Senate File 256 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 256
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1062)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to disputed land boundaries and corners including
2 acquiesced boundaries and corners.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 650.14, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **650.14 Boundaries by acquiescence established.**

4 If it is found that the boundaries and corners alleged to
5 have been recognized and acquiesced in for ten years have been
6 so recognized and acquiesced in, such recognized boundaries and
7 corners shall be permanently established. This section shall
8 be self-executing. Once an acquiesced boundary and corners have
9 been permanently established, subsequent common ownership of the
10 adjacent tracts, separated by the acquiesced boundary, does not
11 terminate the acquiesced boundary and corners. The acquiesced
12 boundary and corners shall continue unless adjoining parties have
13 recognized and acquiesced in subsequent boundaries and corners
14 for ten years, then such subsequent recognized and acquiesced
15 boundaries and corners shall be permanently established.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to disputed land boundaries and corners.
20 Under current law, Code section 650.14 provides that boundaries
21 and corners recognized and acquiesced in for a period of
22 10 years shall be permanently established boundaries and
23 corners. The bill provides that boundaries and corners are
24 permanently established by acquiescence through self-execution
25 of Code section 650.14. The bill provides that common
26 ownership of adjacent tracts where acquiesced boundaries and
27 corners have been permanently established does not terminate
28 the acquiesced boundary and corners previously established
29 through self-execution. Under the bill, adjoining parties
30 may subsequently recognize and acquiesce to new boundaries
31 and corners and if subsequently recognized and acquiesced in
32 for a period of 10 years those boundaries and corners become
33 permanently established.