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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:

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Committee:

Natural Resources

Floor Manage

Rep. Mommsen

Senate Floor:

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District Parcel Records for Drainage and Levee Districts

Senate File 593 proposes to create a requirement for county auditors to create and file a district parcel record with the county recorder upon receiving relevant survey documents. This record must detail all parcels within a drainage or levee district, including legal descriptions, parcel identification numbers, and owner names. Auditors who have not filed such records before the act's effective date must do so by June 30, 2026. The legislation aims to enhance transparency and organization regarding land parcels in these districts, ensuring that all relevant information is systematically recorded and accessible.

Key Aspects

- County auditors must prepare and file a district parcel record upon receiving survey documents.
- The parcel record must include legal descriptions, parcel identification numbers, and owner names for each forty-acre tract.
- Auditors who have not filed a district parcel record before the act's effective date must do so by June 30, 2026.
- The requirement for filing is repealed on July 1, 2026.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1—District Parcel Records for Drainage and Levee Districts

Creates new Code section 468.27, subsection 3, paragraphs a and b (1), b (2), with paragraph a specifying that county auditors shall prepare and file a district parcel record upon receiving survey documents. The parcel record must include legal descriptions, parcel identification numbers, and owner names for each forty-acre tract. Paragraph b (1) specifies that auditors who have not filed a district parcel record before the act's effective date must do so by June 30, 2026. Paragraph b (2) repeals b (1) on July 1, 2026.

Amendment Analysis

H 1285 by Rep. Mommsen proposes code language that would specify that a county shall not charge a district (drainage or levee) filing a district parcel record a filing fee or any other cost or expense for such county action.