

ACT 303

H.B. NO. 574

A Bill for an Act Relating to Conveyances.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 502-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§502-17 Filing of; data on plans; monuments[.]; metes and bounds descriptions. (a) The registrar shall accept and file in his office, upon the payment of the fee as provided in section 502-25, any plan of land prepared in the manner prescribed by this section. Every such plan shall contain a short name of the tract; the name of the ahupuaa of¹ ili, district, and island; such data concerning the original title of the land as may be known, together with name of the last owner of record and his address; the signature of the surveyor and his address; the signature of the maker and his address; date of survey, scale, the meridian line, area, the true azimuths and lengths of principal lines; and the names of all known adjoining owners. One or more durable monuments shall be placed on the land which shall connect with the government triangulation system and which monuments shall be placed as indicated on the plan. Whenever the land platted is made up of more than

one original title, it shall be necessary to show all original title lines in broken lines as follows:

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(b) The plan shall first be referred to the department of accounting and general services of the State which shall cause the same to be checked as to form and mathematical correctness but not on the ground. If the plan is drawn in accordance with this section and sections 502-18 and 502-19, the department shall endorse its approval of the plan on the face thereof, after which the plan may be filed of record. The department shall withhold approval of any plan until satisfied that the surveyor and maker of the plan is a registered professional surveyor.

(c) Plans for the subdivision of land situated in any county shall, before approval by the department, be subject to approval by the appropriate officer, agency, or agencies in like manner as subdivisions under applicable laws.

(d) On receipt for recordation of a transfer or separate description document concerning a lot in a subdivision, the registrar shall accept and file the document with:

- (1) a metes and bounds description, either solely or as part of the document;
- (2) a certified plat map; and
- (3) a letter from a registered professional surveyor, certifying that the metes and bounds description conforms to the accompanying plat map.

The document shall otherwise comply with the requirements for recordation under this section. Any parcel created or subdivided prior to the effective date of the subdivision laws of the respective counties are exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

(e) For checking the survey and plan as to form and mathematical correctness, the department shall charge \$2 an hour and shall require the owner of the land to deposit the estimated cost thereof before making such check.

(f) All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1988.

(Approved June 25, 1987.)

Note

1. So in original.