1	H.208
2	Introduced by Representatives Pajala of Londonderry, Gannon of Wilmington,
3	Haas of Rochester, Mattos of Milton, Noyes of Wolcott, Sibilia
4	of Dover, and Young of Greensboro
5	Referred to Committee on
6	Date:
7	Subject: Property; filing of land plats; submission of digital survey plats
8	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require land
9	surveyors to submit a digital copy of a survey plat to the Vermont Center for
10	Geographic Information at the time that the official plat is filed with a town
11	clerk.
12 13	An act relating to submitting digital copies of survey plats to the Vermont Center for Geographic Information
14	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
15	Sec. 1. 27 V.S.A. § 1401 is amended to read:
16	§ 1401. ACCEPTANCE OF SURVEY PLATS; DEFINITION
17	(a) Each town clerk shall accept survey plats for filing and maintain files
18	and indices to files of survey plats in accordance with this chapter.
19	(b) For purposes of this chapter;:

1	(1) "survey plat" shall mean a map or plan drawn to scale of one or
2	more parcels, tracts or subdivisions of land, showing, but not limited to,
3	boundaries, corners, markers, monuments, easements, and other rights;
4	(2) "Center" means the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.
5	(c) A digital copy of each plat filed pursuant to this section shall be
6	submitted to the Center by the surveyor who created the survey plat. The
7	Center shall maintain digital copies of survey plats in a statewide digital
8	repository and make them available to the public.
9	(d) The survey plat filed with the town clerk shall be the official plat of
10	record.
11	Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1403 is amended to read:
12	§ 1403. COMPOSITION OF SURVEY PLATS
13	* * *
14	(f) A digital copy of a survey plat filed with the Center pursuant to
15	section 1401 of this chapter shall be submitted in portable document format
16	(PDF). The Board of Land Surveyors, in consultation with the Center, shall
17	have the authority to establish a digital survey standard for digital copies of
18	survey plats.
19	Sec. 3. 27 V.S.A. § 341 is amended to read:
20	§ 341. REQUIREMENTS GENERALLY; RECORDING
21	* * *

1	(b)(1) A deed or other conveyance of land that includes a reference to a
2	survey prepared or revised after July 1, 1988 may be recorded only if it is
3	accompanied by the survey to which it refers, or cites the volume and page in
4	the land records showing where the survey has previously been recorded.
5	(2) If the conveyance of land results in the subdivision of a parcel, or a
6	change in the boundaries of a parcel, the deed shall be accompanied by a
7	survey plat that depicts the new parcel boundaries or cites the volume and page
8	in the land records showing where the new parcel boundaries have previously
9	been recorded.
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11	Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
12	This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.