

(D) COMMISSIONER.

"COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE ARCHIVIST APPOINTED BY THE HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION WHO, WHILE PERFORMING THE DUTIES AND EXERCISING THE POWERS PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, IS KNOWN AS THE "COMMISSIONER OF LAND PATENTS."

(E) EXPENSE.

"EXPENSE" INCLUDES ANY CHARGE, COST, DEPOSIT, FEE, OR TAX INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH A LAND PATENT PROCEEDING.

(F) LAND.

(1) "LAND" MEANS ANY AREA OF LAND IN THE STATE, INCLUDING ANY TWO OR MORE AREAS OF LAND WITH A COMMON BOUNDARY FOR AT LEAST PART OF THEIR PERIMETERS.

(2) "LAND" INCLUDES VACANT LAND.

(3) "LAND" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY AREA COVERED BY NAVIGABLE WATER UNLESS IT WAS INCLUDED IN A PATENT ISSUED BEFORE MARCH 3, 1862.

(G) MAIL.

"MAIL" MEANS TO DEPOSIT IN THE UNITED STATES MAILS, POSTAGE PREPAID, ENDORSED "RESTRICTED DELIVERY - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED."

(H) PATENT.

"PATENT" MEANS:

(1) ANY GRANT CONFIRMED BY ARTICLE 5 OF THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION;

(2) ANY VALID GRANT MADE UNDER PRIOR LAW BY THE STATE OF ITS INTERESTS IN ANY VACANT, RESURVEYED, ESCHEAT, OR CONFISCATED LAND; OR

(3) ANY GRANT MADE UNDER THIS TITLE BY THE STATE OF ITS INTEREST IN ANY LAND.

(I) SURVEY.

"SURVEY", WHETHER USED AS A NOUN OR AS A VERB IN ANY FORM OR TENSE, MEANS:

(1) THE ACT OF SURVEYING ANY VACANT LAND IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PATENT FOR THE LAND; OR

(2) THE ACT OF RESURVEYING ANY LAND FOR WHICH A PATENT PREVIOUSLY WAS ISSUED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A NEW PATENT FOR THE LAND.

(J) SURVEYOR.