

ACT 2018-550

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

HIGHLIGHTS

Reorganizes sections of the law to make it easier to find information and lessens duplication.

Confirms Qualification Based Selection for engineering and surveying work except for surveys performed on private land that are not intended for use as a basis for engineering design, unless the survey is prepared in accordance with the standards specified by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS).

Removes requirements for Interns to renew their certificate each year.

Allows individuals to request retired status without a renewal requirement.

EDUCATION

Allows individuals that have passed the national fundamentals exam to take the professional exam prior to obtaining the required experience. The thought is individuals can determine when they are ready to take the exam, and individuals that plan to work in an area that doesn't require licensure may be more inclined to sit for the exam.

Allows Board to create and require an exam if a need is determined. (Examples - Ethics, and/or State Specific Requirements)

Gives Board authority to purchase items to be used in Outreach efforts to educate Public, Licensees and Applicants.

BOARD COMPOSITION

Adds two public members nominated by a committee of business representatives and appointed by the Governor.

OTHER

Combines the licensure fee with the application fee. Currently applicants must pay an application fee and once they meet all requirements, must pay a license fee.

Allows Board to designate professional engineers as being licensed in a specific discipline.

Changes Reinstatement requirements for an expired license.

Changes requirement for unanimous consent of Board to just a majority for the reissuing of a license to persons convicted of a felony.

Sets limit of two terms for Board Members.