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H.B. No. 3420

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the regulation of land surveyors by the Texas Board of
3 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1001.216, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) The advisory committee appointed under Subsection (a)
8 may, on its own initiative or at the request of any interested
9 person, prepare a written report or recommendation to the board on
10 any surveying-related subject regulated by the board.

11 (a-2) The advisory committee appointed under Subsection (a)
12 shall maintain a written public record of each subject discussed
13 and action taken at the committee's meetings.

14 SECTION 2. Section 1071.254(a), Occupations Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) An applicant for registration as a registered
17 professional land surveyor must[+]

18 [~~1~~] hold a certificate as a surveyor-in-training and
19 must:

20 (1) [+]

21 [~~2~~] have:

22 (A) at least two years of experience satisfactory
23 to the board as a surveyor-in-training in performing surveying in
24 delegated responsible charge as a subordinate to a surveyor

1 registered or licensed to engage in the practice of surveying in
2 this state or in another state having registration or licensing
3 requirements equivalent to the requirements of this state; and

4 (B) [~~(3)~~ have] earned a a [~~an associate or~~]
5 bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher
6 education that included at least 32 semester hours in a combination
7 of courses acceptable to the board in:

8 (i) [~~(A)~~] civil engineering;

9 (ii) [~~(B)~~] land surveying;

10 (iii) [~~(C)~~] mathematics;

11 (iv) [~~(D)~~] photogrammetry;

12 (v) [~~(E)~~] forestry;

13 (vi) [~~(F)~~] land law; or

14 (vii) [~~(G)~~] the physical sciences; or

15 (2) have:

16 (A) at least six years of experience satisfactory
17 to the board as a surveyor-in-training in performing surveying in
18 delegated responsible charge as a subordinate to a surveyor
19 registered or licensed to engage in the practice of surveying in
20 this state or in another state having registration or licensing
21 requirements equivalent to the requirements of this state; and

22 (B) earned an associate degree in surveying from
23 an accredited institution of higher education; or

24 (3) have:

25 (A) at least eight years of experience
26 satisfactory to the board as a surveyor-in-training in performing
27 surveying in delegated responsible charge as a subordinate to a

1 surveyor registered or licensed to engage in the practice of
2 surveying in this state or in another state having registration or
3 licensing requirements equivalent to the requirements of this
4 state; and

5 (B) earned an associate degree from an accredited
6 institution of higher education that included at least 32 semester
7 hours in a combination of courses acceptable to the board in:

8 (i) civil engineering;

9 (ii) land surveying;

10 (iii) mathematics;

11 (iv) photogrammetry;

12 (v) forestry;

13 (vi) land law; or

14 (vii) the physical sciences.

15 SECTION 3. Section 1001.601(a), Occupations Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (a) On its own initiative or at the request of any
18 interested person, the board shall prepare a written advisory
19 opinion about:

20 (1) an interpretation of this chapter or Chapter 1071;

21 or

22 (2) the application of this chapter or Chapter 1071 to
23 a person in regard to a specified existing or hypothetical factual
24 situation.

25 SECTION 4. Section 1071.254(c), Occupations Code, is
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 5. Section 1071.254(a), Occupations Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies only to an application for
2 registration as a registered professional land surveyor filed with
3 the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors on or
4 after the effective date of this Act. An application for a
5 registration filed before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed,
7 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.