

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**March 31, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Kino Flores, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1526** by Geren (Relating to the registration requirements for certain retired or part-time architects.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1526, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$53,580) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	(\$26,790)
2005	(\$26,790)
2006	(\$26,790)
2007	(\$26,790)
2008	(\$26,790)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2004	(\$26,790)
2005	(\$26,790)
2006	(\$26,790)
2007	(\$26,790)
2008	(\$26,790)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would add Sec. 1051.357 to Subchapter H, Chapter 1051 of the Occupations code to allow an Architect to go on emeritus status by paying a fee not to exceed \$50. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature, otherwise the bill would take effect on September 1, 2003.

The bill would establish a procedure whereby an architect could place their certificate of registration on emeritus status by paying a renewal fee of not more that \$50. By filing for emeritus status, the architect would not be required to pay the regular renewal fee of \$305 for a resident, \$395 for a non-resident, \$55 for an inactive resident or \$193 for an inactive-non resident.

**Methodology**

The Board of Architectural Examiners estimates a revenue loss of \$3,840 per year form Architects changing from inactive to emeritus status. The Board also feels that 1% of renewals will chose the emeritus status, resulting in a further loss of \$27,450 per year in fee revenue. This loss will be partially offset by the revenue from the new emeritus fee, resulting in a net revenue loss to General Revenue of \$26,790 per year.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 459 Board of Architectural Examiners  
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