

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 207
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying registers professional surveyors under the Professional Land Surveying Act; however, this Act does not specifically allow for a reduction in renewal fees for land surveyors over the age of 65. In comparison, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, which registers professional engineers under the Engineering Practices Act, specifically allows for reduced renewal fees for professional engineers over the age of 65. Since many professional surveyors are also professional engineers, it would be fitting to create a similar opportunity for individuals over 65 who would like to retain their surveying license.

H.B. 207 expressly authorizes the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying to adopt, by rule, reduced certificates of registration, license fees, and annual renewal fees for land surveyors who are at least 65 years of age.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying in SECTION 1 (Sec. 1071.1527, Occupations Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 1071, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1071.1527, authorizing the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying to adopt by rule reduced certificates of registration, license fees, and annual renewal fees for land surveyors who are at least 65 years of age.

SECTION 2. Effective date: Immediately, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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