

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2456
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In order to become licensed as a registered professional land surveyor in Texas, the applicant for registration must have a survey-in-training certificate, two years experience, and a bachelor's degree. Under current law, the surveyor-in-training certificate is valid for only six years. However, many surveyors-in-training are not able to complete their bachelor's degree and two years of experience within this six-year window.

H.B. 2456 removes the six-year time limitation on a surveyor-in-training certificate and requires that a surveyor-in-training successfully complete continuing professional education courses as required by board rule.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying in SECTION 2 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2456 removes the six-year limitation and provides that the surveyor-in-training certificate is valid until the date the certificate holder becomes registered as a registered professional land surveyor. Additionally, H.B. 2456 provides that as a condition for the retention of a surveyor-in-training certificate, the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying shall require a surveyor-in-training to successfully complete continuing education courses as prescribed by board rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.