

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

To become licensed as a registered professional land surveyor in Texas, the applicant for registration must have a surveyor-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 within this six-year window.

S.B. 1340 removes the six-year limitation and provides that the surveyor-in-training certificate is valid for eight years. This bill also requires, as a condition for the retention of a surveyor-in-training certificate, the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying to require a surveyor-in-training to successfully complete continuing education courses as prescribed by board rule.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying in SECTION 2 (Section 1071.305, Occupations Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1071.253(c), Occupations Code, to provide that the surveyor-in-training certificate is valid for eight years, rather than until the earlier of the sixth anniversary of the date of issuance or the date the certificate holder becomes registered as a registered professional land surveyor.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1071.305, Occupations Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Requires the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (board), as a condition for retaining a surveyor-in-training certificate, to require the certificate holder to successfully complete continuing professional education courses as prescribed by board rule. Requires the certificate holder to maintain records relating to the person's professional education activities. Provides that the records are subject to audit by the board as a condition for retaining the certificate.

SECTION 3. Makes the changes in law made by the amendment of Sections 1071.253 and 1071.305, Occupations Code, by this Act, prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.