

AN ACT

relating to the operation and functions of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and the regulation of the practice of engineering.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1001.107, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.107. PER DIEM[~~, REIMBURSEMENT~~]. [~~(a)~~] A board member is entitled to receive a per diem as set by the General Appropriations Act for each day that the member engages in the business of the board.

~~[(b) A board member may not receive reimbursement for travel expenses, including expenses for meals and lodging, other than transportation expenses. A member is entitled to reimbursement for transportation expenses as provided by the General Appropriations Act.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 1001.108, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.108. OFFICERS. The governor shall designate a member of the board as the presiding officer of the board to serve in that capacity at the will of the governor. The board shall elect annually from its members an assistant presiding officer, a treasurer, and a secretary.

SECTION 3. Section 1001.206(c), Occupations Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (c) The fee increase imposed by Subsection (a) does not  
3 apply to an engineer who:

4 (1) meets the qualifications for an exemption under  
5 Section 1001.057 or 1001.058 but does not claim that exemption;

6 (2) is disabled as described by Section 1001.205; ~~[or]~~

7 (3) is on inactive status as provided by Section  
8 1001.355; or

9 (4) is 65 years of age or older.

10 SECTION 4. Section 1001.306, Occupations Code, is amended  
11 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

12 (d) Examination results reported under this section must  
13 include a numerical score and an indication of whether the person  
14 passed or failed the examination.

15 SECTION 5. Section 1001.355(a), Occupations Code, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (a) An engineer may request inactive status at any time  
18 ~~[before the expiration date of the person's license]~~. A license  
19 holder on inactive status may not practice engineering.

20 SECTION 6. Section 1001.401, Occupations Code, is amended  
21 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

22 (d) A license holder is not required to use a seal under this  
23 section for a project for which the license holder is not required  
24 to hold a license under an exemption provided by Subchapter B.

25 SECTION 7. Section 1001.4527(a), Occupations Code, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (a) A board member who participated in the investigation of

1 a complaint or in informal settlement negotiations regarding the  
2 complaint:

3 (1) may not [~~participate in the discussion of or~~] vote  
4 on the matter at a board meeting related to the complaint; and

5 (2) shall state at the meeting why the member is  
6 prohibited from [~~participating in the discussion of or~~] voting on  
7 the matter.

8 SECTION 8. Section 1001.109, Occupations Code, is repealed.

9 SECTION 9. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
10 1001.206(c), Occupations Code, applies only to an application for a  
11 license, the renewal of a license, or a reciprocal license filed on  
12 or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed before  
13 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on  
14 the date the application is filed, and the former law is continued  
15 in effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 899 was passed by the House on March 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 899 on May 3, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 899 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 899

I certify that H.B. No. 899 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 899 on May 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor