VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

CHAPTER 27

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-1.6, 2.1-20.4, 9-6.25:2, 13.1-549, 13.1-1111, 22.1-140, 54.1-300, 54.1-400, 54.1-403 and 54.1-407 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That §§ 2.1-1.6, 2.1-20.4, 9-6.25:2, 13.1-549, 13.1-1111, 22.1-140, 54.1-300, 54.1-400, 54.1-403 and 54.1-407 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: § 2.1-1.6. State boards. A. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be established by law, the following permanent collegial bodies affiliated with a state agency within the executive branch: Accountancy, Board for Aging, Advisory Board on the Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of Air Pollution, State Advisory Board on Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Virginia Apple Board, Virginia State Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board Aquaculture Advisory Board Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, State Board for Art and Architectural Review Board Athletic Board, Virginia Auctioneers Board Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of Aviation Board, Virginia Barbers, Board for Branch Pilots, Board for Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board, Virginia Building Code Technical Review Board, State Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board Cattle Industry Board, Virginia Cave Board Certified Seed Board, State Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board Child Abuse and Neglect, Advisory Board on Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, Board of Trustees Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board Coal Mining Examiners, Board of Coal Research and Development Advisory Board, Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on Conservation and Recreation, Board of Contractors, Board for Corn Board, Virginia Correctional Education, Board of Corrections, State Board of Cosmetology, Board for Criminal Justice Services Board Dark-Fired Tobacco Board, Virginia Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the Department for the Dentistry, Board of Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board Education, State Board of Egg Board, Virginia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, State

Farmers Market Board, Virginia Fire Services Board, Virginia Forestry, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of Geology, Board for Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board Health Planning Board, Virginia Health Professions, Board of Health, State Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for Hemophilia Advisory Board Historic Resources, Board of Housing and Community Development, Board of Irish Potato Board, Virginia Juvenile Justice, State Board of Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board Marine Products Board, Virginia Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles Medicare and Medicaid, Advisory Board on Medicine, Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board Military Affairs, Board of Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of Minority Business Enterprise, Interdepartmental Board of the Department of Networking Users Advisory Board, State Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board, Commonwealth North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board Nursing, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Board of Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board on Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia Opticians, Board for Optometry, Board of Peanut Board, Virginia Personnel Advisory Board Pesticide Control Board Pharmacy, Board of Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine, Advisory Board on Plant Pollination Advisory Board Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board Pork Industry Board, Virginia Poultry Products Board, Virginia Private College Advisory Board Private Security Services Advisory Board Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for Professional Counselors, Board of Professional Soil Scientists, Board for Psychiatric Advisory Board Psychology, Board of Public Broadcasting Board, Virginia Public Buildings Board, Virginia Radiation Advisory Board Real Estate Appraiser Board Real Estate Board Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles Recreation Specialists, Board of Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia Reforestation Board Rehabilitation Providers, Advisory Board on Rehabilitative Services, Board of Respiratory Therapy, Advisory Board on

Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board Safety and Health Codes Board Seed Potato Board Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, State Health Department Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board Small Business Advisory Board Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board Small Grains Board, Virginia Social Services, Board of Social Work, Board of Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia Soybean Board, Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board Substance Abuse Certification Board Surface Mining Review, Board of Sweet Potato Board, Virginia T & M Vehicle Dealers' Advisory Board Teacher Education and Licensure, Advisory Board on Transportation Board, Commonwealth Transportation Safety, Board of Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury Veterans' Affairs, Board on Veterinary Medicine, Board of Virginia Board for Asbestos and Lead Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board Virginia Cotton Board Virginia Employment Commission, State Advisory Board for the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board Virginia Horse Industry Board Virginia Manufactured Housing Board Virginia Retirement System, Board of Trustees Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Advisory Commission on the Virginia Sheep Industry Board Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board Virginia Waste Management Board Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the Voluntary Formulary Board, Virginia War Memorial Foundation, Virginia, Board of Trustees Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for Water Resources Research Center Statewide Advisory Board, Virginia Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for Well Review Board, Virginia. B. Notwithstanding the definition for "board" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be referred to as boards: Compensation Board State Board of Elections State Water Control Board Virginia Parole Board Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees. § 2.1-20.4. Bodies receiving compensation. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following commissions, boards, etc., shall be those which receive compensation from state funds pursuant to § 2.1-20.3: Accountancy, Board for Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of Air Pollution Control Board, State Airports Authority, Virginia Apprenticeship Council Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, State Board for Athletic Board, Virginia Auctioneers Board Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of Aviation Board, Virginia

Barbers, Board for Branch Pilots, Board for Building Code Technical Review Board, State Charitable Gaming Commission Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board Coal Mining Examiners, Board of College Building Authority Commonwealth Competition Council Commonwealth Transportation Board Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on Conservation and Recreation, Board of Contractors, Board for Correctional Education, Board of Corrections, Board of Cosmetology, Board for Criminal Justice Services Board Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the Dentistry, Board of Education, State Board of Education Loan Authority, Virginia - Board of Directors Elections, State Board of Environment, Council on the Fire Services Board, Virginia Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of Geology, Board for Health, State Board of Health Professions, Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for Higher Education, State Council of Historic Resources, Board of Housing and Community Development, Board of Information Management, Council on Juvenile Justice, State Board of Marine Resources Commission Medical Assistance Services, Board of Medical Complaint Investigation Committee Medicine, Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State Milk Commission Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of Motor Vehicle Dealer Board Nursing, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Board of Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board on Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia Opticians, Board for Optometry, Board of Pesticide Control Board Pharmacy, Board of Physical Therapy, Advisory Board on Port Authority, Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for Professional Counselors, Board of Professional Soil Scientists, Board for Psychology, Board of Public Defender Commission Public School Authority, Virginia Purchases and Supply Appeals Board Real Estate Appraiser Board Real Estate Board Recreation Specialists, Board of Rehabilitative Services, Board of Respiratory Therapy, Advisory Board on

Safety and Health Codes Board Seed Potato Board Social Services, Board of Social Work, Board of State Health Department Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board Substance Abuse Certification Board Surface Mining Review, Board of Treasury Board Veterans' Affairs, Board on Veterinary Medicine, Board of Virginia Board for Asbestos Licensing Virginia Health Planning Board Virginia Manufactured Housing Board Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees Virginia Waste Management Board Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for Water Control Board, State Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for Well Review Board, Virginia. B. Individual members of boards, commissions, committees, councils, and other similar bodies appointed at the state level and receiving compensation for their services on January 1, 1980, but who will not receive compensation under the provisions of this article, shall continue to receive compensation at the January 1, 1980, rate until such member's current term expires. § 9-6.25:2. Policy boards, commissions and councils. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following policy boards, commissions and councils: Apprenticeship Council Athletic Board Auctioneers Board Blue Ridge Regional Education and Training Council Board for Accountancy Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Board for Barbers Board for Contractors Board for Cosmetology Board for Geology Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Board for Opticians Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation Board for Professional Soil Scientists Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Board of Coal Mining Examiners Board of Conservation and Recreation Board of Correctional Education Board of Dentistry Board of Directors, Virginia Student Assistance Authorities Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers Board of Health Professions Board of Historic Resources Board of Housing and Community Development Board of Medical Assistance Services Board of Medicine Board of Mineral Mining Examiners Board of Nursing Board of Nursing Home Administrators Board of Optometry Board of Pharmacy Board of Professional Counselors Board of Psychology Board of Recreation Specialists

Board of Social Services Board of Social Work Board of Surface Mining Review Board of Veterinary Medicine Board on Conservation and Development of Public Beaches Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board Child Day-Care Council Commission on Local Government Commonwealth Transportation Board Council on Human Rights Council on Information Management Criminal Justice Services Board Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board **Disability Services Council** Farmers Market Board, Virginia Interdepartmental Council on Rate-setting for Children's Facilities Library Board, The Library of Virginia Marine Resources Commission Milk Commission Pesticide Control Board Real Estate Appraiser Board Real Estate Board Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles Safety and Health Codes Board Seed Potato Board Southside Virginia Marketing Council Specialized Transportation Council State Air Pollution Control Board State Board of Corrections State Board of Elections State Board of Health State Board of Juvenile Justice State Health Department, Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board State Library Board State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board State Water Control Board Substance Abuse Certification Board Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury Virginia Aviation Board Virginia Board for Asbestos and Lead Virginia Fire Services Board Virginia Gas and Oil Board Virginia Health Planning Board Virginia Manufactured Housing Board Virginia Parole Board Virginia Public Broadcasting Board Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board Virginia Voluntary Formulary Board Virginia Waste Management Board Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for.

§ 13.1-549. Qualifications of shareholders; special provisions for corporations rendering services of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors and certified landscape architects.

A corporation rendering the services of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors and certified landscape architects, or any combination thereof, shall issue not less than two-thirds of its capital stock to individuals duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the services of architect, professional engineer, land surveyor or certified landscape architect, and the remainder of said stock may be issued only to and held by individuals who are employees of the corporation whether or not such employees be *are* licensed or otherwise authorized to render professional services. No other professional corporation may issue any of its capital stock to anyone other than an individual who is duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the same specific professional services as those for which the corporation was incorporated. Notwithstanding the above limitations a professional corporated to render the same professional services as those for which is duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized.

It is further provided, as an additional prerequisite for a corporation engaging in the practice of the

professions of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, or certified landscape architecture or any combination thereof, that such corporation shall secure a certificate of authority, which may be renewable and may be either general or limited, from the State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects. Such certificate of authority shall be issued or renewed by the State Board when in its discretion such corporation is in compliance with rules and regulations which shall be promulgated by the said State Board consistent with its jurisdiction to provide adequate safeguards for the public's health, welfare and safety. The fees for a certificate of authority as described above shall be the same fees as provided for in Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-600 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code.

§ 13.1-1111. Qualifications of members and managers; special provisions for limited liability companies rendering service of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors and certified landscape architects.

Not less than two-thirds of the membership interests of a professional limited liability company rendering the services of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors and certified landscape architects, or any combination thereof, shall be held by individuals or professional business entities duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the services of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors or certified landscape architects, and the remainder of the membership interests may be held only by individuals who are employees of the professional limited liability company whether or not those employees are licensed or otherwise authorized to render professional services. No other professional limited liability company may have as a member anyone other than an individual or a professional business entity that is duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the same professional services as those for which the professional limited liability company was organized.

As an additional prerequisite for a professional limited liability company's engaging in the practice of the professions of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, or certified landscape architecture, or any combination thereof, that professional limited liability company shall secure a certificate of authority, which may be renewable and may be either general or limited, from the State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects. The certificate of authority shall be issued or renewed by the State Board when in its discretion the professional limited liability company is in compliance with rules and regulations which shall be promulgated by the State Board consistent with its jurisdiction to provide adequate safeguards for the public's health, welfare and safety. The fees for a certificate of authority as described above shall be the same fees as provided for in Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

§ 22.1-140. Plans for buildings to be approved by division superintendent.

No public school building or addition or alteration thereto, for either permanent or temporary use, shall be advertised for bid, contracted for, erected, or otherwise acquired until the plans and specifications therefor have been approved in writing by the division superintendent and are accompanied by a statement by an architect or professional engineer licensed by the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects that such plans and specifications are, in his professional opinion and belief, in compliance with the regulations of the Board of Education and the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The division superintendent's approval, architect's or engineer's statement, and a copy of the final plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

§ 54.1-300. Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Board" means the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation.

"Certification" means the process whereby the Department or any regulatory board issues a certificate on behalf of the Commonwealth to a person certifying that he possesses the character and minimum skills to engage properly in his profession or occupation.

"Department" means the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

"Director" means the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

"Inspection" means a method of regulation whereby a state agency periodically examines the activities and premises of practitioners of an occupation or profession to ascertain if the practitioner is carrying out his profession or occupation in a manner consistent with the public health, safety and welfare.

"Licensure" means a method of regulation whereby the Commonwealth, through the issuance of a license, authorizes a person possessing the character and minimum skills to engage in the practice of a profession or occupation which is unlawful to practice without a license.

"Registration" means a method of regulation whereby any practitioner of a profession or occupation may be required to submit information concerning the location, nature and operation of his practice.

"Regulatory board" means the Athletic Board, Auctioneers Board, Board for Accountancy, Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects, Board for Barbers, Board for Branch Pilots, Board for Contractors, Board for Cosmetology, Board for Geology, Board for Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for Opticians, Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Real Estate Appraiser Board, Real Estate Board and Board for Waste Management Facility Operators.

§ 54.1-400. Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Architect" means a person who, by reason of his knowledge of the mathematical and physical sciences, and the principles of architecture and architectural design, acquired by professional education, practical experience, or both, is qualified to engage in the practice of architecture and whose competence has been attested by the Board through licensure as an architect.

The "practice of architecture" means any service wherein the principles and methods of architecture are applied, such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design, and includes the responsible administration of construction contracts, in connection with any private or public buildings, structures or projects, or the related equipment or accessories.

"Board" means the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects.

"Certified interior designer" means a design professional who meets the criteria of education, experience, and testing in the rendering of interior design services established by the Board through certification as an interior designer.

"Certified landscape architect" means a person who, by reason of his special knowledge of natural, physical and mathematical sciences, and the principles and methodology of landscape architecture and landscape architectural design acquired by professional education, practical experience, or both, is qualified to engage in the practice of landscape architecture and whose competence has been attested by the Board through certification as a landscape architect.

The "practice of landscape architecture" by a certified landscape architect means any service wherein the principles and methodology of landscape architecture are applied in consultation, evaluation, planning (including the preparation and filing of sketches, drawings, plans and specifications) and responsible supervision or administration of contracts relative to projects principally directed at the functional and aesthetic use of land.

"Improvements to real property" means any valuable addition or amelioration made to land and generally whatever is erected on or affixed to land which is intended to enhance its value, beauty or utility, or adapt it to new or further purposes. Examples of improvements to real property include, but are not limited to, structures, buildings, machinery, equipment, electrical systems, mechanical systems, roads, and water and wastewater treatment and distribution systems.

"Interior design" by a certified interior designer means any service rendered wherein the principles and methodology of interior design are applied in connection with the identification, research, and creative solution of problems pertaining to the function and quality of the interior environment. Such services relative to interior spaces shall include the preparation of documents for nonload-bearing interior construction, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment in order to enhance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

"Land surveyor" means a person who, by reason of his knowledge of the several sciences and of the principles of land surveying, and of the planning and design of land developments acquired by practical experience and formal education, is qualified to engage in the practice of land surveying, and whose competence has been attested by the Board through licensure as a land surveyor.

The "practice of land surveying" includes surveying of areas for a determination or correction, a description, the establishment or reestablishment of internal and external land boundaries, or the determination of topography, contours or location of physical improvements, and also includes the planning of land and subdivisions thereof. The term "planning of land and subdivisions thereof" shall include, but not be limited to, the preparation of incidental plans and profiles for roads, streets and sidewalks, grading, drainage on the surface, culverts and erosion control measures, with reference to existing state or local standards.

"Professional engineer" means a person who is qualified to practice engineering by reason of his special knowledge and use of mathematical, physical and engineering sciences and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and design acquired by engineering education and experience, and whose competence has been attested by the Board through licensure as a professional engineer.

The "practice of engineering" means any service wherein the principles and methods of engineering are applied to, but are not necessarily limited to, the following areas: consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design of public or private utilities, structures, machines, equipment, processes, transportation systems and work systems, including responsible administration of construction contracts. The term "practice of engineering" shall not include the service or maintenance of existing electrical or mechanical systems.

"Responsible charge" means the direct control and supervision of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, or land surveying.

§ 54.1-403. Board members and officers; quorum.

A. The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects shall be composed of thirteen members as follows: three architects, three professional engineers, three land surveyors, two certified landscape architects and two certified interior

designers. However, the two certified interior designer members initially appointed to the Board shall be qualified for certification pursuant to this chapter. Each interior designer appointment to the Board may be made from nominations submitted by the Council of Certified Virginia Interior Designers, who shall nominate three persons for each interior designer vacancy. In no case shall the Governor be bound to make any appointment from the nominees.

Board members shall have actively practiced or taught their professions for at least ten years prior to their appointments. The terms of Board members shall be four years *unless otherwise provided in* subsection B.

The Board shall elect a president and vice-president from its membership.

Eight Board members, consisting of two engineers, two architects, two land surveyors, one certified landscape architect and one interior designer, shall constitute a quorum.

B. I. Of the 1998 appointments, the terms shall be as follows: the landscape architect shall serve a one-year term, one interior designer shall serve a two-year term and one interior designer shall serve a four-year term. Of the 2000 appointments, the terms shall be as follows: one architect shall serve a three-year term, one architect shall serve a four-year term, one professional engineer shall serve a four-year term, one land surveyor shall serve a two-year term, one land surveyor shall serve a three-year term, and one land surveyor shall serve a three-year term. Of the 2001 appointments, the terms shall be as follows: the architect shall serve a four-year term. Of the 2001 appointments, the terms shall be as follows: the architect shall serve a four-year term, the professional engineer shall serve a four-year term, the professional engineer shall serve a four-year term, the professional engineer shall serve a four-year term, the land surveyor shall serve a three-year term, and the landscape architect shall serve a four-year term.

2. Any appointments to a term of less than four years as specified in subdivision 1 shall not be considered a full term pursuant to § 54.1-107.

§ 54.1-407. Land surveying.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any regulation promulgated by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, *Certified Interior Designers* and Landscape Architects, a land surveyor shall not be required by Board regulations to set corner monumentation or perform a boundary survey on any property when (i) corner monumentation has been set or is otherwise required to be set pursuant to the provisions of a local subdivision ordinance as mandated by § 15.1-465 15.2-2240 or subdivision 7 of subsection A of § 15.1-466 § 15.2-2241, or where the placing of such monumentation is covered by a surety bond, cash escrow, set-aside letter, letter of credit, or other performance guaranty, or (ii) the purpose of the survey is to determine the location of the physical improvements on the said property only, if the prospective mortgagor or legal agent ordering the survey agrees in writing that such corner monumentation shall not be provided in connection with any such physical improvements survey. The provisions of this section shall apply only to property located within the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania and Stafford; and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas and Manassas Park.