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**HOUSE BILL NO. 350**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 9, 2024

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-403 and 54.1-405 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects; quorum and signature requirements.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Owen

Referred to Committee on General Laws

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 54.1-403 and 54.1-405 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 54.1-403. Board members and officers; quorum.**

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects shall be composed of 15 members as follows: three architects, three professional engineers, three land surveyors, two landscape architects, two certified interior designers, and two nonlegislative citizen members.

Except for the nonlegislative citizen members appointed in accordance with § 54.1-107, Board members shall have actively practiced or taught their professions for at least 10 years prior to their appointments. The terms of Board members shall be four years.

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

[ Nine ~~Six~~ ] Board members, consisting of ~~two engineers~~ [ *at least* ] ~~one engineer, two architects one architect, two one land surveyors~~ *surveyor*, one landscape architect, one interior designer, and one nonlegislative citizen member, shall constitute a quorum.

**§ 54.1-405. Examinations and issuance of licenses and certificates.**

A. The Board shall hold at least one examination each year at times and locations designated by the Board. A license to practice as a professional engineer, an architect, a land surveyor, or a landscape architect shall be issued to every applicant who complies with the requirements of this chapter and the regulations of the Board. A license shall be valid during the life of the holder unless revoked or suspended by the Board. A license holder must register with the Board to practice in the Commonwealth. ~~The licenses shall be signed by at least four members of the Board.~~

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54.1-111, a license holder who has retired from practice may use the designation granted by such license, followed by the word "emeritus," without possessing a current registration from the Board provided (i) the license has not been revoked or suspended by the Board and (ii) the license holder does not practice or offer to practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture.

**[ 2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026. ]**

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