

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

6 [H 350]

7 Approved

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That § 54.1-403 and 54.1-405 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 54.1-403. Board members and officers; quorum.**11 The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and
12 Landscape Architects shall be composed of 15 members as follows: three architects, three professional
13 engineers, three land surveyors, two landscape architects, two certified interior designers, and two
14 nonlegislative citizen members.15 Except for the nonlegislative citizen members appointed in accordance with § 54.1-107, Board
16 members shall have actively practiced or taught their professions for at least 10 years prior to their
17 appointments. The terms of Board members shall be four years.

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

19 Nine Board members, consisting of ~~two engineers~~ *at least one engineer*, ~~two architects~~ *one architect*,
20 ~~two one land surveyors~~ *surveyor*, one landscape architect, one interior designer, and one nonlegislative
21 citizen member, shall constitute a quorum.22 **§ 54.1-405. Examinations and issuance of licenses and certificates.**23 A. The Board shall hold at least one examination each year at times and locations designated by the
24 Board. A license to practice as a professional engineer, an architect, a land surveyor, or a landscape
25 architect shall be issued to every applicant who complies with the requirements of this chapter and the
26 regulations of the Board. A license shall be valid during the life of the holder unless revoked or
27 suspended by the Board. A license holder must register with the Board to practice in the
28 Commonwealth. ~~The licenses shall be signed by at least four members of the Board.~~29 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54.1-111, a license holder who has retired from practice may
30 use the designation granted by such license, followed by the word "emeritus," without possessing a
31 current registration from the Board provided (i) the license has not been revoked or suspended by the
32 Board and (ii) the license holder does not practice or offer to practice architecture, engineering, land
33 surveying, or landscape architecture.34 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026.**