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(HB 509)

AN ACT relating to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

→ Section 1. KRS 322.230 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor and two (2) ex officio members each with full voting rights. The ex officio members shall be the dean of the College of Engineering of the University of Kentucky and the dean of the *J.B.* Speed[Scientific] School of Engineering of the University of Louisville.
- (2) The term of each member of the board shall be four (4) years. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of the term or until a successor has been appointed and has qualified.
- (3) Before beginning a term of office, every member shall file with the Secretary of State a written oath for the faithful discharge of official duties.
- (4) No member of the board shall serve as an employee of the board.

→ Section 2. KRS 322.240 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Each appointed member of the board shall:
 - (a) Be a citizen of the United States;
 - (b) [and shall] Have been a resident of this state for *at least* five (5) years; *and*
 - (c) Be a resident of this state at the time of appointment and for the term of the appointment.
- (2) One (1) member of the board shall be a citizen at large who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice of engineering or land surveying.
- (3) Eight (8) members of the board shall *be a*[have been a registered or] professional engineer or a[registered or] professional land surveyor engaged in the respective practice for at least twelve (12) years and shall have been in responsible charge of important engineering or land surveying work for at least five (5) years.
 - (a) At least five (5) members of the board shall *be*[have been registered or] professional engineers *licensed* in Kentucky for at least four (4) years prior to the date of their appointment;[and]
 - (b) At least three (3) members of the board shall *be*[have been registered or] professional land surveyors *licensed* in Kentucky for at least four (4) years prior to the date of their appointment; *and*
 - (c) The eight (8) members shall remain professional engineers or professional land surveyors licensed in Kentucky during the term of their appointments. If a member's license is surrendered, suspended, revoked, or placed in inactive or retired status, that member shall automatically be removed from the board and the vacancy filled under KRS 322.250(5).

Section 3. One professional engineer who is appointed to fill a position on the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors after the previous term for that position has expired on December 31, 2010, shall serve a term of three years, after which appointments to this board position shall be for a term of four years.

Signed by Governor April 24, 2008.