

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER AND SENATOR CATHEY

LIABILITY: Provides relative to preemptive periods

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:5607(A), relative to actions against a professional engineer,
3 surveyor, professional interior designer, architect, or real estate developer; to provide
4 relative to preemptive periods; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:5607(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §5607. Actions against a professional engineer, surveyor, professional interior
8 designer, architect, real estate developer; preemptive periods

9 A. No action for damages against any professional engineer, surveyor,
10 engineer intern, surveyor intern, or licensee as defined in R.S. 37:682, or any
11 professional architect, landscape architect, architect intern, or agent as defined in
12 R.S. 37:141, or professional interior designer, or licensee as defined in R.S. 37:3171,
13 or other similar licensee licensed ~~under~~ pursuant to the laws of this state, or real
14 estate developer relative to development plans which have been certified by a
15 professional engineer or professional architect, whether based upon tort, or breach
16 of contract, or otherwise arising out of an engagement to provide any manner of
17 movable or immovable planning, construction, design, or building, which may
18 include but is not limited to consultation, planning, designs, drawings, specifications,
19 investigation, evaluation, measuring, or administration related to any building,

Proposed law changes present law relative to the peremptive period applicable to an owner's acceptance of work. If the owner's acceptance of work was not timely recorded, proposed law requires the owner to bring any action pursuant to present law within five years from the date the owner occupied or took possession of the improvement.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 9:5607(A))