
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a qualifying party who is transferring employment from one licensed contractor to another to do so without having to retake the required examination.

Present law defines a "qualifying party" with respect to the licensure of contractors as a person designated by the contractor to represent him for the purpose of complying with the provisions regulating contractors, including meeting the requirements for initial licensure and renewals. Provides that parties are:

- (1) Any individual contractor or copartner.
- (2) Any employee of said applicant who has been in full-time employment for one hundred twenty consecutive days immediately preceding the application. Such employee shall not be allowed to be the qualifying party for more than one company and two subsidiaries.
- (3) Any stockholder of a corporation who was an original incorporator or original stockholder as shown in the articles of incorporation.

Present law requires an applicant for licensure as a contractor to designate a qualifying party to be his legal representative relative to the provisions regulation contractors. Requires any contractor who bids on mechanical or electrical work to designate a qualified party to successfully pass the standardized nationally recognized test administered by the board for the work to be performed. Further waives time limitations and allows any designated qualifying party to not be required to retake the examination. Requires that the board must be notified within 30 days of the disassociation when a qualifying party terminates employment with a licensed contractor and requires another qualifying party to be qualified within 60 days. Allows the board to waive the required examination for any person.

Proposed law retains present law and allows a qualifying party who has successfully completed the required exam and is in good standing with the board to transfer association from one licensed contractor to another, without having to retake the exam, upon written notification to the board within 30 days of the original disassociation.

(Amends R.S. 37:2156.1(D)(1) and 2156.2(B))