

ACT No. 255

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 532

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:149 and 150(C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 37:150(F) and
3 (G), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners; to regulate the
4 assessment and collection of fees; to provide for certificates of authority; to regulate
5 renewals of licenses and certificates of authority; to provide for severability; to
6 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:149 and 150(C) through (E) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 and R.S. 37:150(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §149. Fees

11 The applicant shall pay the actual cost of the examination. Upon passing all
12 divisions of the examination, a fee to be determined by the board, not to exceed two
13 hundred dollars, shall be charged for issuing a license. A registration fee to be
14 determined by the board, not to exceed five hundred dollars, shall be charged to an
15 individual domiciled outside Louisiana seeking to be registered in Louisiana. A fee
16 to be determined by the board, not to exceed three hundred dollars, shall be charged
17 to any corporation, professional architectural corporation as defined in R.S. 12:1086,
18 architectural-engineering corporation as defined in R.S. 12:1171, or partnership,
19 limited liability partnership, limited liability company, association, sole
20 proprietorship, or other entity seeking to obtain a certificate of authority to practice
21 architecture in Louisiana, unless such entity is exempted from the fee by the board.

1 The board may not increase the fee for issuing a license or a certificate of authority
 2 by more than thirty dollars during any three-year period, and the board may not
 3 increase the registration fee charged to an individual domiciled outside of Louisiana
 4 seeking to be registered in Louisiana by more than fifty dollars during any three-year
 5 period.

6 §150. Renewal of license; renewal fees

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8 C. The failure to renew his license in proper time shall not deprive the
 9 architect of the right of renewal thereafter. The delinquent fee to be paid upon the
 10 renewal of a license by an architect domiciled in Louisiana at any time after the
 11 month of December in the year when such renewal fee first became due shall be
 12 determined by the board, not to exceed two hundred dollars. This delinquent fee shall
 13 be in addition to the renewal registration fee set forth in Subsection A of this Section.

14 D. The delinquent fee to be paid upon the renewal of a license by an
 15 architect domiciled outside Louisiana at any time after the month of December in the
 16 year when such renewal fee first became due shall be determined by the board, not
 17 to exceed five hundred dollars. This delinquent fee shall be in addition to the renewal
 18 registration fee set forth in Subsection B of this Section.

19 E. Every corporation, professional architectural corporation as defined in
 20 R.S. 12:1086, architectural-engineering corporation as defined in R.S. 12:1171, or
 21 any partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, association,
 22 sole proprietorship, or other entity seeking to renew its certificate of authority in
 23 Louisiana shall, unless exempted by the board, annually pay a renewal fee to be
 24 determined by the board, not to exceed three hundred dollars, during the month of
 25 June. The board shall issue a renewal certificate of authority for the year upon
 26 receipt of the renewal fee payment.

27 F.(1) The delinquency fee to be paid by any corporation, professional
 28 architectural corporation as defined in R.S. 12:1086, any architectural-engineering
 29 corporation as defined in R.S. 12:1171, or any partnership, limited liability
 30 partnership, limited liability company, association, sole proprietorship, or other

1 entity, when the renewal fee set forth in Subsection E of this Section is paid at any
2 time after June in the year the fee first became due, shall be determined by the board,
3 not to exceed three hundred dollars.

4 (2) The payment of any delinquency fee shall be paid in addition to the
5 annual renewal fee.

6 G. The board may not increase the renewal fees or the delinquency fees set
7 forth in this Section by more than thirty dollars during any three-year period.

8 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
9 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given
10 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
11 Act are hereby declared severable.

12 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____