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## DIGEST

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HB 532 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners to issue certificates of authority to certain entities and regulates fees.

Present law provides for certain fees. Proposed law authorizes the La. State Bd. of Architectural Examiners to issue certificates of authority. Proposed law authorizes the board to charge a fee to any corporation, professional architectural corporation as defined in present law (R.S. 12:1086), any architectural-engineering corporation as defined in present law (R.S. 12:1171), or any partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, association, sole proprietorship, or other entity seeking to obtain a certificate of authority to practice architecture in La., unless such entity is exempted from the fee by the board. Proposed law limits the certificate of authority fee to no more than \$300.

Present law states, in pertinent part, that the board may not increase the fee for issuing a license by more than \$30 dollars during any three year period. Proposed law retains present law and applies the same restriction to fee increases relative to certificates of authority.

Present law regulates renewals of licenses and the assessment of renewal fees. Proposed law requires an annual renewal of certificates of authority issued pursuant to proposed law. Proposed law limits the renewal fee for certificates of authority to no more than \$300. Proposed law requires the board to issue a renewal certificate upon payment of the renewal fee.

Present law regulates delinquency payments relative to license renewals. Proposed law regulates delinquency payments relative to certificates of authority. Proposed law authorizes the board to assess a delinquency fee when the annual renewal fee is paid at any time after June in the year the fee first became due. Proposed law limits the delinquency fee to no more than \$300. Proposed law clarifies that the payment of any delinquency fee shall be paid in addition to the annual renewal fee.

(Amends R.S. 37:149 and 150(C)-(E); Adds R.S. 37:150(F) and (G))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Reorganize proposed law to improve readability.

