
 ACT NO. 231.

Senate Bill No. 131.

AN ACT

To regulate the practice of Architecture; to create a State Board of Architectural Examiners, and regulate the fees and emoluments of the said Board; to prevent the practice of the said calling or profession by unauthorized persons; and to provide for the trial and punishment of violators of the provisions of this Act by fine or imprisonment and to repeal all or parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent herewith.

(Architects, hereafter, must qualify under this Act.)

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That from and after the promulgation of this Act, no person excepting those already engaged under existing laws in the practice of architecture shall practice the said calling or profession within the State of Louisiana, unless such person shall possess all the qualifications required by this Act. Architects must hereafter qualify under this Act. An architect under the terms of this Act shall be one who professes to practice his profession or who advertises and holds himself out as such.

(Examination before Board of Architectural Examiners.)

Examination.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That from the promulgation of this Act any person, before entering upon the practice of architecture shall present to the Board of Architectural Examiners, as hereinafter constituted, a diploma from an architectural college or school of good standing; said standing to be determined by the Board, or shall pass a satisfactory examination before the Board upon the following, to wit:

(Architectural Engineering, Architectural Design, Architectural History and Architectural Drawing.)

The person shall also satisfy the Board that he is twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and possesses at least a good primary education. If said diploma or examination are satisfactory to the Board they shall issue to such person a certificate in accordance with the facts.

(Board appointed by Governor; its powers and authority.)

Board of Architectural Examiners; its powers, etc.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Architectural Examiners shall consist of a Board of five members, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of holding examinations, granting certificates and transacting other business within the scope of this Act. The certificate of the Board shall entitle the holder thereof to practice as an architect in the State of Louisiana. All examinations held by the Board and answers of applicants shall be in writing and shall be filed and kept as records. All members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be architects of good standing of not less than ten years practice in the State of Louisiana. The Governor shall have the right to remove any or all members of said Board for inefficiency or neglect of duty, and to fill all vacancies occurring in the Board.

(Term of office of Members of Board.)

Term of office.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the first Board of Architectural Examiners appointed under this Act shall meet and organize within thirty days from the date of their appointment, and shall name one member to serve two years, one to serve three years, one to serve four years, one to serve five years, and one to serve six years.

At the expiration of their respective terms each succeeding member shall be appointed by the Governor from duly qualified active members of the profession as herein provided, who shall serve for a term of six years.

(Practicing Architects Must register within ninety days.)

Practicing architects must register.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all persons practicing architecture in the State of Louisiana before the passage

of this Act, shall within ninety days after its promulgation, register as such practitioners with the Clerk of the District Court of the parish within which they reside, and upon the appointment of the Board of Architectural Examiners shall notify the said Board of such registration.

(Temporary permit may be issued.)

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That to prevent delay and inconvenience any two members of the Board may grant a temporary permit to practice after a satisfactory examination of any applicant, and shall report thereon to the next regular meeting of the Board. Said temporary permit shall not continue in force longer than until the next regular meeting of the Board of Examiners and shall in no case be granted less than six months after the applicant has been refused a permit by the Board.

Temporary permit may be issued.

(Certificates to be Recorded with Clerk of Court.)

Section 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That all certificates issued under Section 2 of this Act must be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the parish in which the applicant resides, who shall make recordation thereof in a book to be kept for this purpose only, and who shall certify to said recordation, by endorsement on original certificate which the holder shall then deliver or transmit to the Board of Architectural Examiners. The fee which the clerk is entitle to charge for such recordation, shall be one dollar. Said certificate entitles the owner to be placed on the list of regular architects, the publication of which is hereinafter provided for. The Board of Architectural Examiners shall preserve the certificates, and a copy signed by its Secretary shall be received as evidence of the right to practice architecture in the courts of this State.

Certificate to be recorded with the Clerk of Court.

(Renewal of License.)

Section 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That every licensed architect in this State who desires to continue the practice of his profession shall annually, during the time he shall continue in such practice, pay to the Secretary of the Board during the month of January a fee of Five Dollars and the Secretary shall thereupon issue such licensed architect a certificate of renewal of his license for the term of one year. Any licensed architect who shall fail to have his license renewed during the month of January in each and every year shall have his license revoked; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to give notice of such revocation to the Clerk of the District Court of each parish of the State whereupon the Clerks of the Parishes shall make an entry of such revocations accordingly.

Renewal of license.

But the failure to renew said license in proper time shall not deprive such architect of the right of renewal thereafter; and

the Secretary of the Board shall give like notice of such renewal thereafter; but the fee to be paid upon the renewal of license after the month of January shall be Ten Dollars.

(List of Architects to Be Published Annually.)

List of architects to be published annually.

Section 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Architectural Examiners shall certify and publish annually in the month of April a complete list of registered architects with their residences, in a daily paper in the City of New Orleans, and such published list shall be received as evidence in Court that the names it contains are duly registered architects of this State.

(Per diem of Members of Board.)

Per diem of the members of Board.

Section 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That the members of the Board of Architectural Examiners shall receive in compensation for their duties Five Dollars per day during the session of the Board, together with their hotel bills and traveling expenses by the most direct route from their respective residences. The same to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury of the Board, upon the certificate of the President and the Secretary. The Board is empowered to demand a fee of One Dollar for issuing a certificate, and of ten dollars for examination. If the applicant fails to pass, and no certificate is issued five dollars of his fee is to be retained. The fee for a temporary permit shall be Five Dollars, and is to be credited to the applicant when he applies for a permanent certificate.

Fees Board may collect.

(Penalties for practicing without Certificates.)

Penalty.

Section 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person who shall practice or attempt to practice the profession or calling of an architect without having complied with the provisions of this Act, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars, nor more than One Hundred Dollars, or shall be imprisoned not less than Thirty Days nor more than Ninety Days, for each offense by any court of competent jurisdiction.

(Board may revoke Certificate.)

Board may revoke certificate.

Section 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board may revoke any permit it has issued, when its holder has been convicted of crime by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Exempting U. S. Supervising Architects.)

Exempting U. S. architects.

Section 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That this Act shall not apply to anyone connected with the Architectural Department of the United States.

(Architects of other States.)

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Section 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That this Act shall not apply to architects of other States or Territories when asso-

ciated with or consulting with any registered architect of this State.

(Annual Report.)

Section 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Architectural Examiners shall make annual report to the Governor of its transactions, with such recommendations for the advancement and betterment of the profession as it may think best.

Annual report.

Section 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That this law shall take effect immediately upon its promulgation, and shall not apply to persons who construct and erect private buildings under their own plans and specifications, costing less than Ten Thousand Dollars.

Section 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

P. M. LAMBREMONT,

Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

H. G. DUPRE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: July 6, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS, •

Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

JOHN T. MICHEL,

Secretary of State.
