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Via email (Reg.Submission@la.gov)

Attn: Angela Meche
Office of the State Register

Re: LAC 46:I.Chapter 13.Administration

Dear Ms. Meche:

On behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, I hereby submit an Insertion Order, a pdf file and a word file containing the Notice of Intent, and a pdf file and word file of the summary page of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement approved by the Legislative Fiscal Office, all of which contain original signatures for the amendment of the Rules referenced above.

In order to comply with Executive Order JML 25-38 and R.S. 49:964(D), the Board of Architectural Examiners (Board) proposes to amend Sections 1303, 1305, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, and 1317 of Part I, Chapter 13 (Administration), Title 46 (Professional and Occupational Standards: Architects) of the Louisiana Administrative Code. The proposed rule updates language to align with current practice. Specifically, the proposed rule:

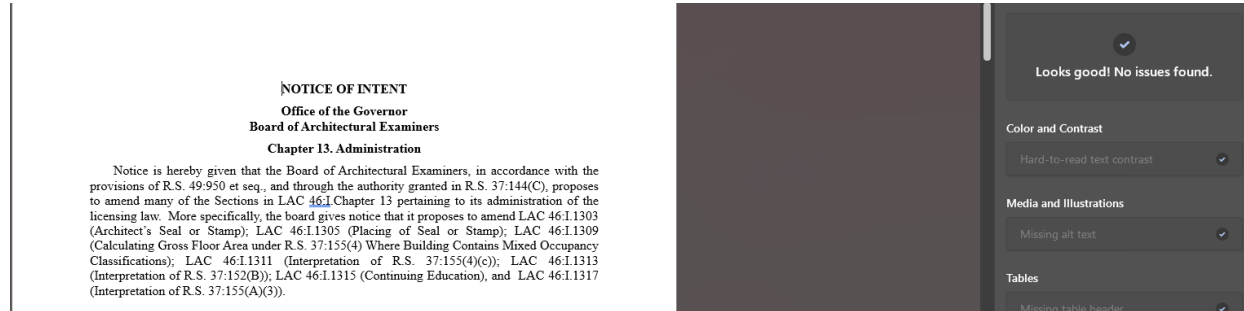
- Removes the word “stamp” when referring to an architect’s seal, including in the requirements for its description and placement.
- Specifies that certain alterations defined as Level 1 by the International Building Code, with a value exceeding \$125,000, are exempt from the Licensing Law if the applicant documents to the State Fire Marshal that the work does not affect structural integrity or life safety.
- Establishes a five-year requirement obligating architects to document and retain evidence of their responsible control over all work, including documents prepared outside their office.
- Removes the reference to “other similar honorific but inactive status” from the continuing education exemptions, clarifying that only architects with formally defined emeritus status are exempt.
- Updates the Board’s contact information by removing the fax number and changing the website from www.lastbdarchs.com to www.lsbae.com.
- Expands the types of courses and programs that qualify for continuing education, which count toward the required hours.
- Increases the continuing education credit for authoring a published paper, article, or book from eight hours to twelve hours.
- Establishes that continuing education credit cannot be earned for activities under one hour, while allowing fractional credit for activities exceeding one hour.
- Removes the program sponsor from disciplinary actions related to false continuing education reporting.
- Increases the record retention period from two years to six years for architects to maintain evidence of continuing education compliance.
- Removes the option for an in-state architect to contract with licensed engineers for work under the architect’s responsible control, requiring the architect to personally perform all necessary calculations and maintain full responsibility for the work under the architect’s responsible control, in order for an out-of-state architect to be deemed associated with the in-state architect on a project.

No fee increases or decreases are associated with the proposed rule amendments.

Copies of this email are being sent to the Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs Committee, the President of the Senate, the Chairman of the House Commerce Committee, and the Speaker of the House, all with copies of the attached Notice of Intent, the existing rule, and a strikethrough/underscored version showing the proposed changes.

As set forth in the enclosed Insertion Order, I respectfully request that this Notice of Intent be published in the April 20, 2026 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. Please find below a screenshot of the Microsoft Accessibility scan output for

the FINAL NOI Word document.



If you have any questions or need any further information, please advise.

With kind regards,

Tyson J. Ducote
Executive Director

Enclosures (as stated)

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Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, Chair, House Commerce Committee (w/ enclosures) (apa.h-com@legis.la.gov)

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