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Re: Summary Report for the proposed amendments of LAC 46:I.Chapter 15. Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names

## Senators and Representatives:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:966(D)(1)(b), the Board of Architectural Examiners hereby announces its intention to proceed with rulemaking regarding proposed amendments of LAC 46:I.Chapter 15, Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names. A Notice of Intent was duly published in the *Louisiana Register* on January 20, 2026, at pp. 95-98. The published NOI is attached.

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules review a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50% of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater.

Pursuant to Act 192 and EO JML 25-038, the Board of Architectural Examiners has undertaken a review of all of its rules, including the rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 15. The Board determined that the rules in Chapter 15 should be simplified and clarified. The proposed amendments consolidate the rules prohibiting misleading or confusing names; eliminate, for clarity, the “Allowed” and “Not Allowed” charts contained in many of the existing rules throughout Chapter 15; repeal unnecessary and obsolete terms, and clarify language.

The comment period in the published Notice of Intent ended on February 13, 2026. The board received no comments on the proposed rule amendments, and, therefore, the board did not conduct any hearings pursuant to R.S. 49:961(B).

Since the reports provided for in R.S. 49:966(B) were submitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and the House Commerce Committee on January 7, 2026, the board has made no changes to the proposed rule amendments.

By letter dated March 11, 2026, the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) determined that the proposed amendments merely clarify and remove obsolete language and terminology used throughout Chapter 15 and, therefore, do not constitute occupational regulations with anticompetitive effects within the meaning of La. R.S. 49:260. Accordingly, the Board may promulgate the proposed amendments in accordance with the APA without further input from the OLRP.

Subject to legislative oversight by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, and the House Committee on Commerce, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Tyson J. Ducote at (225) 925-4802 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning the proposed rule.

With kind regards,



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Enclosure (NOI published on January 20, 2026 in *Louisiana Register*)  
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