

HB 1639 -- Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

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This bill changes the laws regarding the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Increases the membership of the board from 14 to 15 by adding one more professional engineer;
- (2) Allows a landscape architect to serve as the chairperson of the board;
- (3) Gives all rights, powers, and duties available to the members of the architectural and professional engineering divisions of the board to the members of the professional land surveying and landscape architectural divisions of the board;
- (4) Allows certain faculty members of accredited schools of landscape architecture to serve on the board;
- (5) Establishes a sequential rotation for the appointment of a chairperson to the board;
- (6) Limits a chairperson to one, four-year term;
- (7) Authorizes the Missouri Association of Landscape Architects to fill board vacancies as other state associations are allowed to do;
- (8) Allows a person holding an inactive license as a professional land surveyor to use that title or the initials "PLS" after his or her name; and
- (9) Requires all licensees to prepare or personally supervise the preparation of all documents containing their personal seal and to only seal documents in areas in which they are qualified by education, training, and experience in the specific technical areas involved.