

HB 1073 -- LAND SURVEYORS

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This bill changes the education requirements for enrollment as a land surveyor-in-training. Currently, to qualify as a land surveyor-in-training, a person must either:

- (1) Have received a Bachelor's degree in an approved curriculum, which shall include 12 semester hours of approved surveying course work;
- (2) Have passed at least 60 hours of college credit which shall include credit for at least 20 semester hours of approved surveying course work and have at least one year of combined professional office and field experience in land surveying projects; or
- (3) Have passed at least 12 semester hours of approved surveying course work and at least two years of combined professional office and field experience in land surveying projects.

This bill changes the required semester hours of approved surveying course work to 15 for an applicant who holds a Bachelor's degree, 15 for an applicant who has at least 60 hours of college credit, and 15 total semester hours for an applicant who has two years of professional experience. Current law also requires that all land surveyors-in-training have at least two credit hours in legal aspects of boundary surveying. This bill changes that requirement to three semester hours.

Currently, a land surveyor-in-training may apply for licensure as a professional land surveyor if he or she passes an exam and has at least four years of professional field and office experience in land surveying, starting from the date he or she became a land surveyor-in-training. This bill allows experience accrued before the individual became a land surveyor-in-training to meet the experience requirement for licensure.