

Regular Session, 2008  
HOUSE BILL NO. 728  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

# ACT No. 133

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:146(B), (C), and (D) and to enact R.S. 37:146.1, relative to  
3 qualifications for examination of architects; to provide for additional qualifications  
4 for examinations for applicants; to provide for the ability for the board to adopt rules;  
5 to provide for licensing for architects; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:146(B), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
8 37:146.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §146. Examination before board; qualifications

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11 B. For the purpose of qualifying for the examination, the applicant shall  
12 present satisfactory evidence to the board that he:

- 13 (1) ~~is~~ Is of good moral character.
- 14 (2) ~~has~~ Has paid his debt to society if he has ever been convicted of a felony.
- 15 (3) Holds a professional degree from a school whose curriculum has been  
16 accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

17 (4) Is enrolled in the Intern Development Program administered by the  
18 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

19 C. ~~The holder of a first professional degree from a school whose curriculum~~  
20 ~~has been accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board may take the~~  
21 ~~examination after he has furnished evidence satisfactory to the board that he has had~~  
22 ~~practical experience, requirements for which are delineated by the National Council~~  
23 ~~of Architectural Registration Boards and/or the board.~~

1           ~~Ɖ~~. Any applicant not the holder of a first professional degree from a school  
2 whose curriculum has been accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting  
3 Board may take the examination if he has done all of the following:

4           (1) Has made formal application for examination to the board prior to April  
5 1, 1984; and

6           (2) Has completed all of the education equivalency requirements for  
7 qualifying for the examination as delineated in the National Council of Architectural  
8 Registration Boards' "Circular of Information Number One"; and

9           (3) Has furnished evidence to the board that he has had practical  
10 architectural work experience, requirements for which are delineated by the National  
11 Council of Architectural Registration Boards or the board.

12           D. The board may adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the  
13 Administrative Procedure Act governing the approval, selection, administration,  
14 participation, and completion of the examination and the Intern Development  
15 Program.

16           §146.1. Licensing; architecture

17           To obtain an initial license to practice architecture in Louisiana, an applicant  
18 shall present satisfactory evidence to the board of practical experience of training or  
19 experience in the field of architecture. The experience shall be demonstrated only  
20 by one of the following:

21           (1) Satisfactory completion of the training requirements delineated by the  
22 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in the Intern Development  
23 Program.

24           (2) A certificate record certified by the National Council of Architectural  
25 Registration Boards that the applicant is currently registered to practice architecture  
26 in another state.

27           Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such  
28 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given  
29 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this  
30 Act are hereby declared severable.

1           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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