

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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<u>Baton Rouge, LA 70809</u>	<u>Firm Names, and Assumed Names</u>
	Date Rule Takes Effect: <u>Upon promulgation in the Louisiana Register</u>

**SUMMARY**  
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes seek to simplify, modernize, and clarify provisions of LAC 46:1 in accordance with Act 192 of RS 2024 and Executive Order JML 25-038.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

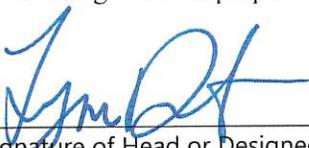
There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups resulting from the proposed rule changes.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition or employment in either the public or private sectors resulting from the proposed rule changes.

  
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Tyson J. Ducote, Executive Director  
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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

Pursuant to Act 192 of RS 2024 and Executive Order (EO) JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, the Board of Architectural Examiners has undertaken a review of all of its rules, including the rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22, Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names. It determined that nearly all of the rules therein should be simplified, modernized, and clarified, and that others were outdated, unnecessary, and should be repealed in their entirety.

The proposed rules consolidated for simplification prohibit misleading or confusing names (LAC 46:I.1501 and LAC 46:I.1503) and clarify the prohibition. The board is proposing to repeal LAC 46:I.1505 (Use of Term "Architect," "Architecture," or "Architectural"), LAC 46:I.1507 (Use of the Plural Term "Architects"), LAC 46:I.1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only), LAC 46:I.1511 (Use of "AIA"), LAC 46:I.1513 (Use of the Term "Associate"), and LAC 46:I.1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company).

The proposed rules simplify and clarify LAC 46:I.1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations), LAC 46:I.1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations), LAC 46:I.1521 (Fictitious Names), LAC 46:I.1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals), LAC 46:I.1527 (Unlicensed Persons), LAC 46:I.1529 (Intern Architect), LAC 46:I.1531 (Business Cards), LAC 46:I.1533 (Limited Liability Company), LAC 46:I.1535 (Non-Resident Firms), and LAC 46:I.1539 (Architect Emeritus). The "Allowed" and "Not Allowed" charts contained in many of the rules have been confusing to some architects and are being deleted in the proposed rules.

LAC 46:I.1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms) and LAC 46:I.1537 (Exemptions) will be maintained without change to its content.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Pursuant to Act 192 of RS 2024 and EO JML 25-038, the board undertook a review of its rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 25. Upon review, the board determined that the rules therein should be simplified, modernized, and clarified, and that some were outdated, unnecessary, and should be repealed in their entirety.

No federal regulation requires adoption of the proposed rules.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b)  NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

The proposed rule changes will update and clarify many of the subject rules and repeal others which are outdated and unnecessary. No funds are necessary to implement the proposed rule changes.

D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

(b)  NO.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ NO.

N/A

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I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>POSITIONS (#)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

There are no anticipated costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes. Existing staff and resources will be used to implement the proposed rule changes.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

None.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

None.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes.

No revenues related to titles, firm names, or assumed names are collected by the board.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups resulting from the proposed rule changes.

The proposed rules clarify existing rules and repeal outdated and unnecessary rules.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The board estimates that the proposed rules will have no impact on receipts and/or income.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

There is no anticipated effect on competition or employment in either the public or private sectors resulting from the proposed rule changes.