

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

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**DIVISION** AR Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors  
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**To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two (2) copies with the Questionnaire and proposed rules.**

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE** Rules of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors

1. **Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?** Yes  No
  
2. **Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?**  
Yes  No
  
3. **In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered?** Yes  No

**If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:**

**a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;**

The benefits of an additional rule allowing an optional Temporary License for a fee for a surveyor is in compliance with Act 1011 of 2019. The fee of \$150.00 is justified due to the fee being the same fee for the same license for the engineer applicants since 2005.

**b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;**

The reasons for the adoption of the rule is to be in compliance with Act 1011 of 2019 and for the fees of the same optional license to remain consistent with other professional temporary licenses.

**c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and**

A Temporary License for surveyors will protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the public by the Board issuing a Temporary License to a qualified surveyor applicant whom is licensed in another jurisdiction. This license will allow the licensed surveyor to conduct business in the State of Arkansas for the length of a project (90 days) or until the Professional Surveyor application is approved.

**d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency’s statutory authority, and if so, please explain.**

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors ("Board") has the authority over all licensure for the professions of engineering and surveying pursuant to A.C.A §17-30-101 (Engineers) and A.C.A §17-48-101(Surveyors); therefore, adding a Temporary License for surveyors is within the Board's authority.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ 0.00

Total \$ 0.00

b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ 0.00

Total \$ 0.00

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 0.00

\$ 150.00

The Professional Surveyor will have the option of applying for a Temporary License for a fee of \$150.00

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 0.00

\$ 0.00

The only potential cost to the agency for the amended rule is to implement the new Temporary License for surveyors with computer programming in the PELS Database. The cost is unknown at this time.

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?  
Yes  No

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.