



ALASKA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS TENTATIVE AGENDA



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APRIL 9, 2025

MEETING DETAILS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING REGARDING SB54

MEETING START TIME: 12:00 PM

MEETING END TIME: 1:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

ZOOM LINK (REGISTRATION REQUIRED):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9876543210>

MEETING ID: 851 5057 7969

AGENDA

1. 12:00 pm – Call to Order/Roll Call/Virtual Meeting Notice
2. Review/Amend/Approve Agenda
3. Legislative Liaison Committee Report
 - A. Department of Law Memo Re:SB54
4. 1:00 pm - Adjourn

State of Alaska
Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors

MISSION STATEMENT

The board's mission is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, and landscape architecture by:

- ensuring that those entering these professions in this state meet minimum standards of competency, and maintain such standards during their practice; and**
- enforcing the licensure and competency requirements in a fair and uniform manner.**



Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Virtual Meeting Code of Conduct

I understand that by participating in any virtual board meeting or event hosted by the Division of Corporations, Business and professional Licensing, **I am agreeing to the following code of conduct:**

Expected Behavior

- Because CBPL and its boards value a diversity of views and opinions, all board members, invited guests, members of the public, and division staff will be treated with respect.
- Be considerate, respectful, and collaborative with fellow participants.
- Demonstrate understanding that the board is following a business agenda and may reasonably change it to ensure meeting efficiency. Unless invited ahead of time to address the board, the chair may recognize members of the public to speak for a limited time during the public comment period.
- Recognize the chair has the authority to manage the meeting, and staff may intercede to assist, if needed.
- All participants are also subject to the laws applicable in the United States and Alaska.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Harassment, intimidation, stalking or discrimination in any form is considered unacceptable behavior and is prohibited.
- Physical, verbal or non-verbal abuse or threat of violence toward of any board member, invited guest, member of the public, division staff, or any other meeting guest/participant is prohibited.
- Disruption of any CBPL board meeting or hosted online session is prohibited.
- Examples of unacceptable behavior include:
 - Comments related to gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation;
 - Inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in presentations;
 - Use of music, noise, or background conversations as a disruption. While this may happen briefly or incidentally, prolonged or repeated incidents are prohibited.
 - Shouting, badgering, or continued talking over the speaker who has been recognized by the chair.

Reporting Unacceptable Behavior

If you or anyone else in the meeting is in immediate danger or threat of danger at any time, please contact local law enforcement by calling 911. All other reports should be made to a member of the senior management team.

Consequences

If the director of the division determines that a person has violated any part of this code of conduct, CBPL management in its sole discretion may take any of the following actions:

- Issue a verbal or written warning;
- Expel a participant from the meeting;
- Suspend attendance at a future meeting – both virtual and in-person;
- Prohibit attendance at any future CBPL event – both virtual and in-person;
- Report conduct to an appropriate state entity/organization;
- Report conduct to local law enforcement.

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska
Department of Law

TO: Alaska State Board of
Registration for Architects,
Engineers and Landscape
Architects

DATE: March 6, 2024

SUBJECT: AEELS Questions re: SB 54

FROM: Elizabeth H. Leduc, AAG

THRU: Rebecca Hattan, AAG

The AEELS Board, through Sara Chambers, presented two questions regarding SB 54 to the Department of Law. Responses to those questions are offered in this memo. If the Board has further questions or would like me to meet with them to discuss, please let me know.

1. Does any definition of interior design adopted under Section 5 of the bill also serve as a definition of the unregulated practice of interior design? Or, does any definition adopted in regulation under Section 5 automatically apply solely to registered interior designers?

Short Answer: Under SB 54, the board will only be defining and regulating “registered interior design.” The legislation does not provide authority to regulate the entire profession of interior design. But your question demonstrates how section 5 is overbroad and likely to lead to confusion down the road. A better approach would be to allow the board to define “registered interior design” or to define the practice in statute.

Details: The proposed legislation essentially creates two categories – interior designers who are registered and those that are not. Registered interior designers appear to only differ in the respect that they have passed a certification exam which indicates a greater body of knowledge and expertise. This interpretation is supported by Section 13, which says “This chapter does not prohibit the practice of interior design by a person who is not registered as a registered interior designer if the person does not use the title “registered interior designer.” Since the board does not have the authority to regulate areas that are not delegated to them in statute, and interior design as a whole is not subject to regulation, Section 5 appears to be overbroad.

Under section 13, it appears that the only thing a non-registered interior designer *cannot* do is use a seal or otherwise indicate that they are registered by the board. If there are certain practices that this legislation or the Board wishes to limit to registered interior designers (presumably duties related to public health and safety), then defining the practice of registered interior design in statute (as discussed in answer #2, below) would help clarify practice areas that are regulated and those that are not, and will give better clarity as to what constitutes unlicensed practice. If no such statutory definition is added through amendment, Section 5 should be amended to give the board authority to define only the practice of “registered interior design.”

The memo issued by Legislative Affairs on January 15, 2025 regarding the difference between title and practice acts may provide some additional guidance on this topic.¹ As noted in that memo, SB 54 is a title act, which “does not require a license to practice an occupation, rather it establishes an optional license that allows a person to use a protected title when practicing that occupation.” (A practice act, conversely, requires a license to practice the occupation in any capacity.) Because SB 54 was drafted as a title act, it was not intended to define or regulate the entire profession of interior design, but only the use of a protected title (“registered interior designer”).

2. If the bill passes, would the board be allowed to write a definition of interior design that includes aspects of the practice of architecture? Since the practice of architecture is defined in current AS 08.48.341(15), and the bill does not amend the definition, is Section 5 strong enough to allow the board to adopt regulations that includes practices that statutorily belong to other professions ?

Short Answer: Given that the “profession of architecture” is defined by statute, I would be very concerned about the Board using regulations to give registered interior designers the ability to engage in duties carved out for architects by the Legislature.

Details: Given that the practice of architecture is defined by statute, the Board cannot include architectural practices so defined in a *regulatory* definition of interior design – the result would essentially be authorizing the unlicensed practice of architecture. (This is true for all of the practice definitions included in AS 08.48.341). It is internally inconsistent, from my perspective, to define the practice of all the other professions regulated by this particular Board by statute but to leave the definition of (registered) interior design to the Board. A more consistent approach would be to define the “practice of registered interior design” in a new section of AS 08.48.341. This would also allow the Legislature to identify and authorize practice areas or duties that crossover between architecture and registered interior design and avoid the problem of potential unlicensed practice of architecture.

¹ This memo can be found under the “Documents” tab for SB 54 on the Legislature’s website, www.akleg.gov.

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/14/25

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS CLAMAN, Gray-Jackson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; extending the**
2 **termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land**
3 **Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and**
4 **Land Surveyors; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design;**
5 **relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape**
6 **architecture, and registered interior design by partnerships; relating to the scope of the**
7 **certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape**
8 **architects, and registered interior designers; relating to liens for labor or materials**
9 **furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design**
10 **services; and providing for an effective date."**

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

12 * **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(3) is amended to read:

(3) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AS 08.48.011) - June 30, **2033** [2025];

* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.48.011(b) is amended to read:

(b) The board consists of **13** [11] members appointed by the governor having the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031. The board consists of

(1) two civil engineers;

(2) [,] two land surveyors;

(3) [,] one mining, **petroleum, or chemical** engineer;

(4) [,] one electrical **engineer**;

(5) one [OR] mechanical engineer;

(6) [,] one engineer from another branch of the profession of engineering;

(7) [,] two architects;

(8) one interior designer;

(9) [,] one landscape architect; [,] and

(10) one public member.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is amended to read:

(b) The board consists of 13 members appointed by the governor having the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031. The board consists of

(1) two civil engineers;

(2) two land surveyors;

(3) one mining, petroleum, or chemical engineer;

(4) one electrical engineer;

(5) one mechanical engineer;

(6) one engineer from another branch of the profession of engineering;

(7) two architects;

(8) one **registered** interior designer;

(9) one landscape architect; and

(10) one public member.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.48.055(b) is amended to read:

(b) The executive administrator of the board shall perform duties as prescribed

by the board, including the review and approval of comity applications. **The executive administrator is entitled to receive a monthly salary equal to a step in Range 23 on the salary schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a).**

* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.48.071(f) is amended to read:

(f) The department shall assemble statistics relating to the performance of its staff and the performance of the board, including

(1) the number of architects, engineers, land surveyors, [AND] landscape architects, **and registered interior designers** registered over a five-year period;

(2) the rate of passage of examinations required by the board;

(3) the number of applicants for registration over a five-year period;

(4) an account of registration fees collected under AS 08.01.065;

(5) a measure of the correspondence workload of staff.

* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.48.101 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The board shall adopt regulations establishing a definition of "interior design" for the purposes of this chapter. The definition must include the preparation of documents related to non-load-bearing interior construction, space planning, finish materials, and furnishings.

* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.48.111 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.48.111. Power to revoke, suspend, or reissue certificate. The board may suspend, refuse to renew, or revoke the certificate of or reprimand a registrant, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership who is found guilty of [(1)] fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate; [(2)] gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered interior design**; or [(3)] a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or the code of ethics or professional conduct as adopted by the board. [THE CODE OF ETHICS OR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN WRITING TO EVERY REGISTRANT AND APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS CHAPTER. THIS PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS OR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CONSTITUTES DUE

NOTICE TO ALL REGISTRANTS.] The board may revise and amend its code and, upon doing so, shall immediately notify each registrant in writing of the revisions or amendments. The board may, upon petition of the registrant, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, reissue a certificate if a majority of the members of the board vote in favor of the reissuance.

* **Sec. 8.** AS 08.48.171 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.48.171. General requirements and qualifications for registration.

An applicant for registration as an architect, engineer, land surveyor, [OR] landscape architect, or registered interior designer must be of good character and reputation and shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of the applicant's education, training, and experience.

* **Sec. 9.** AS 08.48.181 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.48.181. Registration upon examination. Except as provided in

AS 08.48.191, for registration as a professional architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, [OR] professional landscape architect, or registered interior designer, a person shall be examined in this state in accordance with the regulations of procedure and standards adopted by the board under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act). The procedure and standards shall at least meet the requirements adopted by recognized national examining councils for these professions.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 08.48.191 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) A person holding a certificate of registration authorizing the person to practice registered interior design in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country that, in the opinion of the board, meets the requirements of this chapter, based on verified evidence, may, upon application, be registered in accordance with the regulations of the board.

* **Sec. 11.** AS 08.48.201(a) is amended to read:

(a) Application for registration as a professional architect, a professional engineer, a professional land surveyor, [OR] a professional landscape architect, or a registered interior designer shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by the board.

1 * **Sec. 12.** AS 08.48.211(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) The certificate of registration is prima facie evidence that the person
3 named in it is entitled to all rights and privileges of a professional architect,
4 professional engineer, professional land surveyor, [OR] professional landscape
5 architect, or registered interior designer while the certificate remains unrevoked or
6 unexpired.

7 * **Sec. 13.** AS 08.48.215(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) On retiring from practice and payment of an appropriate one-time fee, an
9 individual who is registered as a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor,
10 or landscape architect and [A REGISTRANT] in good standing with the board may
11 apply for the conversion of a certificate of registration to a retired status registration.
12 The registrant may not practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape
13 architecture in the state. A retired status registration is valid for the life of the
14 registration holder and does not require renewal.

15 * **Sec. 14.** AS 08.48 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 **Sec. 08.48.218. Untitled practice of interior design.** This chapter does not
17 prohibit the practice of interior design by a person who is not registered as a registered
18 interior designer if the person does not use the title "registered interior designer."

19 * **Sec. 15.** AS 08.48.221(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Each registrant may obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board,
21 bearing the registrant's name, registration number, and the appropriate legend for
22 architect, engineer, land surveyor, [OR] landscape architect, or registered interior
23 designer. When a registrant issues final drawings, specifications, surveys, plats,
24 plates, reports, or similar documents, the registrant shall stamp the documents with the
25 seal and sign the seal. The board shall adopt regulations governing the use of seals by
26 the registrant. An architect, engineer, land surveyor, [OR] landscape architect, or
27 registered interior designer may not affix or permit a seal and signature to be affixed
28 to an instrument after the expiration of a certificate or for the purpose of aiding or
29 abetting another person to evade or attempt to evade a provision of this chapter. The
30 registrant, by sealing and signing the document, certifies that the document was
31 prepared by or under the registrant's responsible charge and is within the registrant's

1 field of practice or is design work of minor importance.

2 * **Sec. 16.** AS 08.48.241(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) This chapter does not prevent a corporation, limited liability company,
4 limited liability partnership, or limited partnership from offering architectural,
5 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior**
6 **design** services; however, the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
7 partnership, or limited partnership shall file with the board

8 (1) an application for a certificate of authorization on a form to be
9 prescribed by the board and containing information required to enable the board to
10 determine whether the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
11 partnership, or limited partnership is qualified in accordance with the provisions of
12 this chapter to offer to practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
13 landscape architecture, **or registered interior design** in this state;

14 (2) a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the
15 corporation, the managing members or manager of the limited liability company, the
16 general partners of a limited liability partnership, or the general partners of a limited
17 partnership designating persons holding certificates of registration under this chapter
18 as responsible for the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
19 landscape architecture, **or registered interior design** by the corporation, limited
20 liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership in this state and
21 providing that full authority to make all final architectural, engineering, land
22 surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** decisions on
23 behalf of the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
24 limited partnership with respect to work performed by the corporation, limited liability
25 company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership in this state is granted by
26 the board of directors of the corporation, the managing members or manager of the
27 limited liability company, the general partners of the limited liability partnership, or
28 the general partners of the limited partnership to the persons designated in the
29 resolution; however, the filing of this resolution does not relieve the corporation,
30 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership of any
31 responsibility or liability imposed on it by law or by contract;

(3) a designation in writing setting out the name of one or more persons holding certificates of registration under this chapter who are in responsible charge of each major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design activities in which the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership specializes in this state; if a change is made in the person in responsible charge of a major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design activities, the change shall be designated in writing and filed with the board within 30 days after the effective date of the change.

* **Sec. 17.** AS 08.48.241(b) is amended to read:

(b) Upon filing with the board the application for certificate of authorization, certified copy of resolution, affidavit, and designation of persons specified in this section, the board shall, subject to (c) of this section, issue to the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership a certificate of authorization to practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, or registered interior design in this state upon a determination by the board that

(1) the bylaws of the corporation, the articles of organization or operating agreement of the limited liability company, the partnership agreement of the limited liability partnership, or the partnership agreement of the limited partnership contain provisions that all architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design decisions pertaining to architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design activities in this state will be made by the specified architect, engineer, land surveyor, [OR] landscape architect, or registered interior designer in responsible charge, or other registered architects, engineers, land surveyors, [OR] landscape architects, or registered interior designers under the direction or supervision of the architect, engineer, land surveyor, [OR] landscape architect, or registered interior designer in responsible charge;

(2) the application for certificate of authorization states the type of

1 architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered**
 2 **interior design** practiced or to be practiced by the corporation, limited liability
 3 company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership;

4 (3) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, limited
 5 liability partnership, or limited partnership has the ability to provide architectural,
 6 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior**
 7 **design** services;

8 (4) the application for certificate of authorization states the
 9 professional records of the designated person who is in responsible charge of each
 10 major branch of architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape
 11 architectural, **or registered interior design** activities in which the corporation, limited
 12 liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership specializes;

13 (5) the application for certificate of authorization states the experience,
 14 if any, of the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
 15 limited partnership in furnishing architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
 16 landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** services during the preceding
 17 five-year period;

18 (6) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, limited
 19 liability partnership, or limited partnership meets other requirements related to
 20 professional competence in the furnishing of architectural, engineering, land
 21 surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** services as
 22 may be adopted by the board in furtherance of the objectives and provisions of this
 23 chapter.

24 * **Sec. 18.** AS 08.48.241(d) is amended to read:

25 (d) The certificate of authorization must specify the major branches of
 26 architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered**
 27 **interior design** of which the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
 28 partnership, or limited partnership has designated a person in responsible charge as
 29 provided in this section. The certificate of authorization shall be conspicuously
 30 displayed in the place of business of the corporation, limited liability company, limited
 31 liability partnership, or limited partnership, together with the names of persons

1 designated as being in responsible charge of the professional activities.

2 * **Sec. 19.** AS 08.48.241(e) is amended to read:

3 (e) If a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
 4 limited partnership that is organized solely by [EITHER] a group of architects, a group
 5 of engineers, a group of land surveyors, [OR] a group of landscape architects, **or a**
 6 **group of registered interior designers**, each holding a certificate of registration
 7 under this chapter, applies for a certificate of authorization, the board may, in its
 8 discretion, grant a certificate of authorization to the corporation, limited liability
 9 company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership based on a review of the
 10 professional records of the incorporators of the corporation, organizers of the limited
 11 liability company, partners who formed the limited liability partnership, or partners
 12 who formed the limited partnership in place of the required qualifications set out in
 13 this section. If the ownership of the corporation is altered, the membership of the
 14 limited liability company is altered, the partners of the limited liability partnership
 15 change, or the general partners of the limited partnership change, the corporation,
 16 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership shall
 17 apply for a revised certificate of authorization, based on the professional records of the
 18 owners of the corporation, the members of the limited liability company, the partners
 19 of the limited liability partnership, or the general partners of the limited partnership, if
 20 exclusively architects, engineers, land surveyors, [OR] landscape architects, **or**
 21 **registered interior designers**, or otherwise under the qualifications required by (b)(1)
 22 - (4) of this section.

23 * **Sec. 20.** AS 08.48.241(f) is amended to read:

24 (f) A corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
 25 limited partnership authorized to offer architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
 26 landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** services under this chapter,
 27 together with its directors, officers, managing members, manager, and partners for
 28 their own individual acts, is responsible to the same degree as the designated
 29 individual registrant, and shall conduct its business without misconduct or malpractice
 30 in the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape
 31 architecture, **or registered interior design** as defined in this chapter.

1 * **Sec. 21.** AS 08.48.251 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 08.48.251. Certain partnerships.** This chapter does not prevent the
3 practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, or
4 registered interior design by a partnership if all of the members of the partnership
5 are registrants under this chapter. In this section, "partnership" does not include a
6 limited liability partnership or a limited partnership.

7 * **Sec. 22.** AS 08.48.281 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) A person may not use a title tending to convey the impression that the
9 person is a "registered interior designer" while offering to practice or practicing
10 interior design, as defined in regulation by the board, unless the person has been
11 registered or authorized under this chapter.

12 * **Sec. 23.** AS 08.48.291 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 08.48.291. Violations and penalties.** A person who practices or offers to
14 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, or
15 registered interior design in the state without being registered or authorized to
16 practice in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or a person presenting or
17 attempting to use the certificate or the seal of another, or a person who gives false or
18 forged evidence of any kind to the board or to a member of the board in obtaining or
19 attempting to obtain a certificate, or a person who impersonates a registrant, or a
20 person who uses or attempts to use an expired or revoked or nonexistent certificate,
21 knowing of the certificate's status, or a person who falsely claims to be registered and
22 authorized to practice under this chapter, or a person who violates any of the
23 provisions of this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is
24 punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than
25 one year, or by both.

26 * **Sec. 24.** AS 08.48.295(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) In addition to any other provision of law, if a person practices or offers to
28 practice architecture, engineering, [OR] land surveying, or registered interior design
29 in the state without being registered or authorized to practice in accordance with the
30 provisions of this chapter, the board may enter an order levying a civil penalty.

31 * **Sec. 25.** AS 08.48.311 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 08.48.311. Rights not transferable.** The right to engage in the practice of
 2 architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered**
 3 **interior design** is considered a personal and individual right, based on the
 4 qualifications of the individual as evidenced by the individual's certificate of
 5 registration, which is not transferable.

6 * **Sec. 26.** AS 08.48.321 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (b) A person uses a title tending to convey the impression that the person is a
 8 "registered interior designer" while offering to practice or practicing interior design if
 9 the person by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or other means
 10 represents to be a registered interior designer or through the use of some other title
 11 implies that the person is a registered interior designer when offering to practice or
 12 practicing interior design.

13 * **Sec. 27.** AS 08.48.331(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) This chapter does not apply to

15 (1) a contractor performing work designed by a professional architect,
 16 engineer, or landscape architect or the supervision of the construction of the work as a
 17 supervisor or superintendent for a contractor;

18 (2) workers in building trades crafts, earthwork, grounds keeping, or
 19 nursery operations, and superintendents, supervisors, or inspectors in the performance
 20 of their customary duties;

21 (3) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing
 22 architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture as required by the
 23 person's official capacity;

24 (4) an employee or a subordinate of a registrant if the work or service
 25 is done under the direct supervision of a registrant;

26 (5) associates, consultants, or specialists retained by a registrant, [A]
 27 partnership of registered individuals, [A] corporation, [A] limited liability company,
 28 [A] limited liability partnership, or [A] limited partnership authorized to practice
 29 architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture under this chapter,
 30 in the performance of professional services if responsible charge of the work remains
 31 with the registrant, the partnership, or a designated representative of the corporation,

1 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership;

2 (6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

3 (A) a building for the person's own use and occupancy as a
4 single family residence and related site work for that building;

5 (B) farm or ranch buildings and their grounds unless the public
6 health, safety, or welfare is involved;

7 (C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by
8 not more than

9 (i) four families and that is not more than two stories
10 high and the grounds of the building; or

11 (ii) two families and that is not more than three stories
12 high and the grounds of the building, if the building is located in a
13 municipality that has adopted a building or residential code that applies
14 to the building and if the building complies with the building or
15 residential code;

16 (D) a garage, workshop, or similar building that contains less
17 than 2,000 square feet of floor space to be used for a private noncommercial
18 purpose and the grounds of the building;

19 (7) a specialty contractor licensed under AS 08.18 while engaged in
20 the business of construction contracting for work designed by an architect, engineer,
21 or landscape architect that is within the specialty to be performed or supervised by the
22 specialty contractor, or a contractor preparing shop or field drawings for work that the
23 specialty contractor has contracted to perform;

24 (8) a person furnishing drawings, specifications, instruments of
25 service, or other data for alterations or repairs to a building or its grounds that do not
26 change or affect the structural system or the safety of the building, or that do not affect
27 the public health, safety, or welfare;

28 (9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational
29 institution to teach engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural courses; in
30 this paragraph, "postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning given in
31 AS 14.48.210;

(10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership, association, utility, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, who practices engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture involved in the operation of the employer's business only [, AND FURTHER] if neither the employee nor the employer offers engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture services to the public; exclusions under this paragraph do not apply to buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy;

(11) a person while involved in revegetation, restoration, reclamation, rehabilitation, or erosion control for disturbed land that the board determines does not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

(12) a person while maintaining or directing the placement of plant material that the board determines does not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

(13) an employee, officer, or agent of a regulatory agency of the state or a municipality when reviewing drawings and specifications for compliance with the building codes of the state or a municipality if the drawings and specifications have been sealed and signed by an architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect or the preparation of the drawings and specifications is exempt under this section from the requirements of this chapter; in this paragraph, "building codes" includes codes relating to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire safety standards, and zoning;

(14) a person who is designing fire protection systems and is authorized by the Department of Public Safety to design fire protection systems;

(15) a person who is

(A) authorized to construct, install, or modify a conventional onsite wastewater system by the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03.100; and

(B) constructing, installing, or modifying a conventional onsite wastewater system that serves a commercial facility and has a design flow of less than 500 gallons of wastewater a day.

* Sec. 28. AS 08.48.331(a), as amended by sec. 27 of this Act, is amended to read:

1 (a) This chapter does not apply to

2 (1) a contractor performing work designed by a professional architect,
3 engineer, or landscape architect or the supervision of the construction of the work as a
4 supervisor or superintendent for a contractor;

5 (2) workers in building trades crafts, earthwork, grounds keeping, or
6 nursery operations, and superintendents, supervisors, or inspectors in the performance
7 of their customary duties;

8 (3) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing
9 architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture as required by the
10 person's official capacity;

11 (4) an employee or a subordinate of a registrant if the work or service
12 is done under the direct supervision of a registrant;

13 (5) associates, consultants, or specialists retained by a registrant,
14 partnership of registered individuals, corporation, limited liability company, limited
15 liability partnership, or limited partnership authorized to practice architecture,
16 engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture under this chapter, in the
17 performance of professional services if responsible charge of the work remains with
18 the registrant, the partnership, or a designated representative of the corporation,
19 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership;

20 (6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

21 (A) a building for the person's own use and occupancy as a
22 single family residence and related site work for that building;

23 (B) farm or ranch buildings and their grounds unless the public
24 health, safety, or welfare is involved;

25 (C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by
26 not more than

27 (i) four families and that is not more than two stories
28 high and the grounds of the building; or

29 (ii) two families and that is not more than three stories
30 high and the grounds of the building, if the building is located in a
31 municipality that has adopted a building or residential code that applies

1 to the building and if the building complies with the building or
2 residential code;

3 (D) a garage, workshop, or similar building that contains less
4 than 2,000 square feet of floor space to be used for a private noncommercial
5 purpose and the grounds of the building;

6 (7) a specialty contractor licensed under AS 08.18 while engaged in
7 the business of construction contracting for work designed by an architect, engineer,
8 or landscape architect that is within the specialty to be performed or supervised by the
9 specialty contractor, or a contractor preparing shop or field drawings for work that the
10 specialty contractor has contracted to perform;

11 (8) a person furnishing drawings, specifications, instruments of
12 service, or other data for alterations or repairs to a building or its grounds that do not
13 change or affect the structural system or the safety of the building, or that do not affect
14 the public health, safety, or welfare;

15 (9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational
16 institution to teach engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural courses; in
17 this paragraph, "postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning given in
18 AS 14.48.210;

19 (10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership,
20 association, utility, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership,
21 or limited partnership, who practices engineering, architecture, land surveying, or
22 landscape architecture involved in the operation of the employer's business only if
23 neither the employee nor the employer offers engineering, architecture, land
24 surveying, or landscape architecture services to the public; exclusions under this
25 paragraph do not apply **to an officer or employee**

26 **(A) practicing engineering, architecture, land surveying, or**
27 **landscape architecture on** [TO] buildings or structures whose primary use is
28 public occupancy; **or**

29 **(B) of a utility that owns, operates, manages, or controls a**
30 **pipeline that furnishes by transmission or distributes natural or**
31 **manufactured gas to the public for compensation and who is practicing**

engineering on the facilities of the pipeline that operate at a pressure greater than 100 pounds per square inch gauge in one of the following manners:

(i) the installation of a new district pressure regulator station, compressor station, or gate station;

(ii) the reconfiguration or physical change of a district pressure regulator station, compressor station, or gate station that alters or modifies the configuration or overpressure protection of equipment; in this sub-subparagraph, "reconfiguration or physical change" does not include a routine operating adjustment or similar replacement; or

(iii) the installation, uprating, repair by replacement, or abandonment of the pipeline;

(11) a person while involved in revegetation, restoration, reclamation, rehabilitation, or erosion control for disturbed land that the board determines does not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

(12) a person while maintaining or directing the placement of plant material that the board determines does not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

(13) an employee, officer, or agent of a regulatory agency of the state or a municipality when reviewing drawings and specifications for compliance with the building codes of the state or a municipality if the drawings and specifications have been sealed and signed by an architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect or the preparation of the drawings and specifications is exempt under this section from the requirements of this chapter; in this paragraph, "building codes" includes codes relating to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire safety standards, and zoning;

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1 under AS 46.03.100; and

2 (B) constructing, installing, or modifying a conventional onsite
3 wastewater system that serves a commercial facility and has a design flow of
4 less than 500 gallons of wastewater a day.

5 * **Sec. 29.** AS 08.48.331 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) The Department of Environmental Conservation may adopt regulations
7 limiting the locations in the state in which (a)(15) of this section applies.

8 (d) Notwithstanding (a)(10)(B) of this section, this chapter does not apply to
9 an officer or employee of a utility that owns, operates, manages, or controls a pipeline
10 that furnishes by transmission or distributes natural or manufactured gas to the public
11 for compensation and who is practicing engineering in an emergency on the facilities
12 of the pipeline that operate at a pressure greater than 100 pounds per square inch
13 gauge. The utility shall notify the Regulatory Commission of Alaska when an officer
14 or employee of the utility practices engineering in an emergency under this subsection.

15 * **Sec. 30.** AS 08.48.341(4) is amended to read:

16 (4) "certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the
17 board authorizing a corporation, a limited liability company, a limited liability
18 partnership, or a limited partnership to provide professional services in architecture,
19 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered interior**
20 **design** through individuals legally registered by the board;

21 * **Sec. 31.** AS 08.48.341(23) is amended to read:

22 (23) "registrant" means a person registered by the board as a
23 professional architect, **professional** engineer, **professional** land surveyor,
24 **professional** [OR] landscape architect, **or registered interior designer**;

25 * **Sec. 32.** AS 08.48.341 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

26 (27) "registered interior design" means the practice of interior design
27 as a registered interior designer;

28 (28) "registered interior designer" means a person who is registered as
29 a registered interior designer by the board and who may use the title "registered
30 interior designer" in the practice of interior design.

31 * **Sec. 33.** AS 23.30.017(c)(1) is amended to read:

(1) "design professional" means a person registered under AS 08.48 as an architect, engineer, [OR] land surveyor, landscape architect, or registered interior designer;

* **Sec. 34.** AS 34.35.050 is amended to read:

Sec. 34.35.050. Lien for labor or materials furnished. A person has a lien, only to the extent provided under this chapter, to secure the payment of the contract price if the person

(1) performs labor on [UPON] real property at the request of the owner or the agent of the owner for the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

(2) is a trustee of an employee benefit trust for the benefit of individuals performing labor on the building or improvement and has a direct contract with the owner or the agent of the owner for direct payments into the trust;

(3) furnishes materials that are delivered to real property under a contract with the owner or the agent of the owner that are incorporated in the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

(4) furnishes equipment that is delivered to and used on [UPON] real property under a contract with the owner or the agent of the owner for the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

(5) performs services under a contract with the owner or the agent of the owner in connection with the preparation of plans, surveys, or architectural, [OR] engineering, landscape architectural, or registered interior design plans or drawings for the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement, whether or not actually implemented on that property; or

(6) is a general contractor.

* **Sec. 35.** AS 35.15.010(c) is amended to read:

(c) In this section, "professional services" means architectural, engineering, [OR] land surveying, landscape architectural, or registered interior design services.

* **Sec. 36.** AS 36.30.270(a) is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding conflicting provisions of AS 36.30.100 - 36.30.260, a

procurement officer shall negotiate a contract for an agency with the most qualified and suitable firm or person of demonstrated competence for architectural, engineering, [OR] land surveying, **landscape architectural, or registered interior design** services. The procurement officer shall award a contract for those services at fair and reasonable compensation as determined by the procurement officer, after consideration of the estimated value of the services to be rendered, and the scope, complexity, and professional nature of the services. When determining the most qualified and suitable firm or person, the procurement officer shall consider the

(1) proximity to the project site of the office of the firm or person unless federal law prohibits this factor from being considered in the awarding of the contract; and

(2) employment practices of the firm or person with regard to women and minorities.

* **Sec. 37.** AS 36.30.270(d) is amended to read:

(d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a procurement officer may include price as an added factor in selecting architectural, engineering, [AND] land surveying, **landscape architectural, and registered interior design** services when, in the judgment of the procurement officer, the services required are repetitious in nature, and the scope, nature, and amount of services required are thoroughly defined by measurable and objective standards to reasonably enable firms or persons making proposals to compete with a clear understanding and interpretation of the services required. In order to include price as a factor in selection, a majority of the persons involved by the procurement officer in evaluation of the proposals must be registered in the state to perform architectural, engineering, [OR] land surveying, **landscape architectural, or registered interior design** services.

* **Sec. 38.** AS 36.90.100 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.90.100. Contracts for architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design services. The state or a municipality may not award a contract for architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** services to

(1) an individual who is not registered under AS 08.48 to perform the

architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design services required by the contract;

(2) a partnership, except as provided by (3) of this section, that is not qualified under AS 08.48.251 to provide the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design services required by the contract; or

(3) a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership that is not authorized under AS 08.48.241 to offer the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior design services required by the contract.

* **Sec. 39.** AS 08.48.011(c) is repealed.

* **Sec. 40.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: BOARD APPOINTMENT. Notwithstanding AS 08.48.031, an interior designer appointed to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, must be certified by the Council for Interior Design Qualification and have resided in the state for at least two years immediately preceding appointment. On and after the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act, an interior designer appointed to the board under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, may continue to occupy the seat on the board reserved for the registered interior designer until a registered interior designer is appointed to the seat. An interior designer appointed to the board under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is eligible for reappointment to the board on the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act if the interior designer meets the requirements of AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act.

* **Sec. 41.** Sections 2 and 40 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

* **Sec. 42.** Section 28 of this Act and AS 08.48.331(d), enacted by sec. 29 of this Act, take effect January 1, 2026.

* **Sec. 43.** Except as provided in secs. 41 and 42 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.