

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Date Rule Takes Effect: Upon promulgation in the Louisiana Register			

SUMMARY
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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)

The proposed rule changes are anticipated to result in a saving of approximately \$1,381 per year for the Board of Architectural Examiners.

The board conducts the elections of the members of the Architects Selection Board. Existing rules provide that the process for submitting nominations, distribution of ballots, voting, and notifications be done by mail and that the tabulation of votes be done manually. The proposed rule changes will allow the nomination process, distribution of ballots, voting, tabulation of voting, and notifications to be done electronically.

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

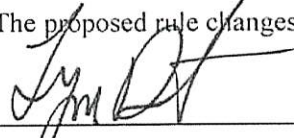
The proposed rule changes have no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units. No revenues related to the election of the members of the Architects Selection Board are collected by the board.

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

The proposed rule changes simplify and modernize the procedures for the election of the members of the Architects Selection Board by allowing the nomination process, distribution of ballots, voting, tabulation of votes, and notifications to be done electronically. Although the nomination process for candidates will become somewhat simpler, the board does not anticipate any increase or decrease in costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups that can be measured or calculated.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will not affect competition or employment.

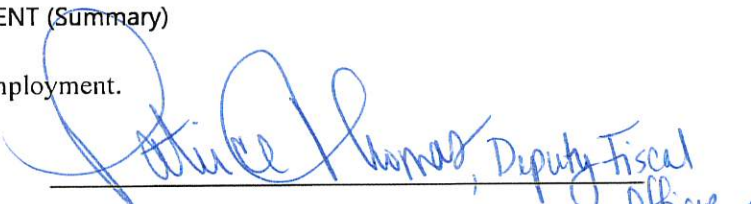


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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- 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).

Existing rules provide that a person desiring to fill a vacancy on the Architects Selection Board (ASB) shall deliver a written nomination to the board, that a ballot and official return envelope shall be mailed by the board to all resident architects in Louisiana, that the ballots shall be returned in the official return envelope provided, and the return envelopes shall be stamped by the board office showing the date received.

The proposed rule changes simplify and modernize the process. A person desiring to fill a vacancy may indicate such interest by email. The distribution of ballots, voting, tabulation of votes, and notifications will be done electronically.

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

Act 192 of the 2024 RS mandated that all state agencies that make rules review a sufficient number of rules each year, ensuring that all rules are reviewed within a five-year period. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50% of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater.

Pursuant to Act 192 and EO JML 25-038, the Board of Architectural Examiners has undertaken a review of all of its rules, including the rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 21. The Board determined that the rules in Chapter 2 concerning the election of members of the Architects Selection Board should be simplified, modernized, and clarified. The proposed rule changes will allow a person desiring to fill a vacancy to indicate such interest by email. The proposed changes will also allow the distribution of ballots, voting, tabulation of votes, and notifications to be done electronically.

- 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

Not applicable

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?

1. _____ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

2. X 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.

Not applicable

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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	(\$1,381)	(\$1,381)	(\$1,381)
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Major Repairs & Constr.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	(\$1,381)	(\$1,381)	(\$1,381)

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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.

The proposed rule changes are anticipated to result in a saving of approximately \$1,381 per year for the Board of Architectural Examiners.

Currently, 1,295 properly licensed architects reside in Louisiana. Under existing rules, the board estimates that its total costs for an election to the Architects Selection Board are approximately \$1,878 using the following data, assumptions, and methods:

toner/printing (2 pages × \$0.0075): $0.015 \times 1,295 = \$19.43$
paper (2 pages × \$0.00926): $0.01852 \times 1,295 = \$23.96$
#10 outer envelope: \$73.58
#9 return envelope: \$60.12
postage (outbound, \$0.78): \$1,010.10
labor (print/fold/stuff @ 60s each, \$32.01/hr): \$690.88

$\$19.43 + \$23.96 + \$73.58 + \$60.12 + \$1,010.10 + 690.88 = \$1,878.07$, rounded to \$1,878

The proposed rule changes will allow the nomination process, distribution of ballots, voting, tabulation of votes, and notifications to be done electronically. The board estimates that its total costs for an election done electronically will be approximately \$496.94 consisting of the following items:

setup & testing: \$402.88
support/bouncebacks: \$43.70
tabulation: \$50.36

$\$402.88 + \$43.70 + \$50.36 = \496.94 , rounded to \$497

The board estimates that implementing the proposed rules will result in an annual savings to the board of approximately \$1,381. This is the difference between the cost of an election under the existing rules (\$1,878.07) and an election done electronically under the proposed rules (\$496.94). ($\$1,878.07 - \$496.94 = \$1,381.13$, rounded to \$1,381).

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
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

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.

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.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in any costs or savings to local governmental units.

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?

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
State General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dedicated Funds*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*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.

The proposed rule changes have no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units. No revenues related to the election of the members of the Architects Selection Board 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.

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- 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.

There is no anticipated impact on receipts and/or income resulting from the proposed rule changes.

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.

The proposed rule changes will not affect competition or employment. The proposed rules merely simplify and modernize the procedures for the election of the members of the Architects Selection Board.