

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

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Return Address:	<u>925 Fenway Avenue, Suite B</u>	Rule Title:	<u>LAC 46:I.Chapter 13. (Administration)</u>
	<u>Baton Rouge, LA 70809</u>	Date Rule Takes Effect:	<u>Upon Promulgation</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)**

It is not anticipated that state or local government units will incur any costs or savings as a result of this proposed rule.

In order to comply with Executive Order JML 25-38, the Board of Architectural Examiners (Board) proposes to amend Sections, 1303, 1305, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, and 1317 of Part I, Chapter 13 (Administration), Title 46 (Professional and Occupational Standards: Architects) of the Louisiana Administrative Code. The proposed rule updates language to align with current practice. Specifically, this rule:

- Removes the word "stamp" when referring to an architect's seal, including in the requirements for its description and placement.
- Specifies that certain alterations defined as Level 1 by the International Building Code, with a value exceeding \$125,000, are exempt from the Licensing Law if the applicant documents to the State Fire Marshal that the work does not affect structural integrity or life safety.
- Establishes a five-year requirement obligating architects to document and retain evidence of their responsible control over all work, including documents prepared outside their office.
- Removes the reference to "other similar honorific but inactive status" from the continuing education exemptions, clarifying that only architects with formally defined emeritus status are exempt.
- Updates the Board's contact information by removing the fax number and changing the website from [www.lastbdarchs.com](http://www.lastbdarchs.com) to [www.lsbac.com](http://www.lsbac.com).
- Expands the types of courses and programs that qualify for continuing education, which count toward the required hours.
- Increases the continuing education credit for authoring a published paper, article, or book from eight hours to twelve hours.
- Establishes that continuing education credit cannot be earned for activities under one hour, while allowing fractional credit for activities exceeding one hour.
- Removes the program sponsor from disciplinary actions related to false continuing education reporting.
- Increases the record retention period from two years to six years for architects to maintain evidence of continuing education compliance.
- Removes the option for an in-state architect to contract with licensed engineers for work under the architect's responsible control, requiring the architect to personally perform all necessary calculations and maintain full responsibility for the work under the architect's responsible control, in order for an out-of-state architect to be deemed associated with the in-state architect on a project.

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

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

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.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Implementation of this proposed rule is not anticipated to have an effect on competition and 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).

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

The proposed rule is in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order JML 25-38.

- 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. This proposed rule would not result in any increase in expenditure of funds.

- (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

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)  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.

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WORKSHEET**

**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?

<b>COSTS</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>
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.

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in any costs or savings to the Board.

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

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>
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?

The Board needs no additional funding to implement the proposed action.

**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 will not 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.

Not Applicable

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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?

<b>REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>
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 revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

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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.

- 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.

Not Applicable

**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.

Implementation of this proposed rule is not anticipated to have an effect on competition and employment.