

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR CLAMAN

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Referred:

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 08.48.071(f) is amended to read:

(f) The department shall assemble statistics relating to the performance of its

1 staff and the performance of the board, including

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

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

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

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

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

9 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.48.101 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

14 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.48.111 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 08.48.111. Power to revoke, suspend, or reissue certificate.** The board
16 may suspend, refuse to renew, or revoke the certificate of or reprimand a registrant,
17 corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited
18 partnership who is found guilty of [(1)] fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate; [(2)]
19 gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of architecture,
20 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered interior**
21 **design**; or [(3)] a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or
22 the code of ethics or professional conduct as adopted by the board. [THE CODE OF
23 ETHICS OR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN
24 WRITING TO EVERY REGISTRANT AND APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION
25 UNDER THIS CHAPTER. THIS PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE
26 CODE OF ETHICS OR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CONSTITUTES DUE
27 NOTICE TO ALL REGISTRANTS.] The board may revise and amend its code and,
28 upon doing so, shall immediately notify each registrant in writing of the revisions or
29 amendments. The board may, upon petition of the registrant, corporation, limited
30 liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, reissue a
31 certificate if a majority of the members of the board vote in favor of the reissuance.

1 * **Sec. 7.** AS 08.48.171 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 08.48.171. General requirements and qualifications for registration.**

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

7 * **Sec. 8.** AS 08.48.181 is amended to read:

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

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

16 * **Sec. 9.** AS 08.48.191 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

22 * **Sec. 10.** AS 08.48.201(a) is amended to read:

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

27 * **Sec. 11.** AS 08.48.211(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) The certificate of registration is prima facie evidence that the person
29 named in it is entitled to all rights and privileges of a professional architect,
30 professional engineer, professional land surveyor, [OR] professional landscape
31 architect, or registered interior designer while the certificate remains unrevoked or

unexpired.

* **Sec. 12.** AS 08.48.215(a) is amended to read:

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

* **Sec. 13.** AS 08.48 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.48.218. Untitled practice of interior design. 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."

* **Sec. 14.** AS 08.48.221(a) is amended to read:

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

* **Sec. 15.** AS 08.48.241(a) is amended to read:

(a) This chapter does not prevent a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership from offering architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior**

1 **design** services; however, the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
2 partnership, or limited partnership shall file with the board

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

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

27 (3) a designation in writing setting out the name of one or more
28 persons holding certificates of registration under this chapter who are in responsible
29 charge of each major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
30 landscape architectural, **, or registered interior design** activities in which the
31 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. 16.** 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 architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered interior design** practiced or to be practiced by the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership;

(3) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership has the ability to provide architectural,

1 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, or registered interior
 2 design services;

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

8 (5) the application for certificate of authorization states the experience,
 9 if any, of the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
 10 limited partnership in furnishing architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
 11 landscape architectural, or registered interior design services during the preceding
 12 five-year period;

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

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

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

28 * **Sec. 18.** AS 08.48.241(e) is amended to read:

29 (e) If a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
 30 limited partnership that is organized solely by [EITHER] a group of architects, a group
 31 of engineers, a group of land surveyors, [OR] a group of landscape architects, or a

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

18 * **Sec. 19.** AS 08.48.241(f) is amended to read:

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

27 * **Sec. 20.** AS 08.48.251 is amended to read:

28 **Sec. 08.48.251. Certain partnerships.** This chapter does not prevent the
 29 practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or**
 30 **registered interior design** by a partnership if all of the members of the partnership
 31 are registrants under this chapter. In this section, "partnership" does not include a

1 limited liability partnership or a limited partnership.

2 * **Sec. 21.** AS 08.48.281 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

7 * **Sec. 22.** AS 08.48.291 is amended to read:

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

21 * **Sec. 23.** AS 08.48.295(a) is amended to read:

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

26 * **Sec. 24.** AS 08.48.311 is amended to read:

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

1 * **Sec. 25.** AS 08.48.321 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

8 * **Sec. 26.** AS 08.48.331(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) This chapter does not apply to

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

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

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

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

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

28 (6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

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

31 (B) farm or ranch buildings and their grounds unless the public

1 health, safety, or welfare is involved;

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

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

6 (ii) two families and that is not more than three stories
7 high and the grounds of the building, if the building is located in a
8 municipality that has adopted a building or residential code that applies
9 to the building and if the building complies with the building or
10 residential code;

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

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

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

23 (9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational
24 institution to teach engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural courses; in
25 this paragraph, "postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning given in
26 AS 14.48.210;

27 (10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership,
28 association, utility, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership,
29 or limited partnership, who practices engineering, architecture, land surveying, or
30 landscape architecture involved in the operation of the employer's business only [,
31 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 an officer or employee practicing engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture on**

(A) [TO] buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy; **or**

(B) natural gas pipelines; in this subparagraph, "natural gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390;

(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 authorized to construct, install, or modify a conventional onsite wastewater system by the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03.100 and is constructing, installing, or modifying a conventional onsite wastewater system with a capacity of less than 500 gallons of wastewater a day; the Department of Environmental Conservation may adopt regulations limiting the locations in the state in which this paragraph applies.

* Sec. 27. AS 08.48.341(4) is amended to read:

(4) "certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the board authorizing a corporation, a limited liability company, a limited liability

partnership, or a limited partnership to provide professional services in architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, or registered interior design through individuals legally registered by the board;

* **Sec. 28.** AS 08.48.341(23) is amended to read:

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

* **Sec. 29.** AS 08.48.341 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

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

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

* **Sec. 30.** 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. 31.** 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. 32.** 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. 33.** 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. 34.** 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. 35.** 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. 36.** AS 08.48.011(c) is repealed.

* **Sec. 37.** 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

1 years immediately preceding appointment. On and after the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act,
2 an interior designer appointed to the board under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of
3 this Act, may continue to occupy the seat on the board reserved for the registered interior
4 designer until a registered interior designer is appointed to the seat. An interior designer
5 appointed to the board under AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is eligible for
6 reappointment to the board on the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act if the interior designer
7 meets the requirements of AS 08.48.011(b), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act.

8 * **Sec. 38.** Sections 2 and 37 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

9 * **Sec. 39.** Except as provided in sec. 38 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.