

SENATE BILL NO. 54

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS CLAMAN, Gray-Jackson

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

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 liens for labor or
7 materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior
8 design services; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

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

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

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

4 **(1)** two civil engineers;

5 **(2)** [,] two land surveyors;

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

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

8 **(5)** **one** [OR] mechanical engineer;

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

11 **(7)** [,] two architects;

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

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

14 **(10)** one public member.

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

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

18 (1) two civil engineers;

19 (2) two land surveyors;

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

21 (4) one electrical engineer;

22 (5) one mechanical engineer;

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

24 (7) two architects;

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

26 (9) one landscape architect; and

27 (10) one public member.

28 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.48.071(f) is amended to read:

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

31 (1) the number of architects, engineers, land surveyors, [AND]

1 landscape architects, and registered interior designers registered over a five-year
2 period;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 **Sec. 08.48.181. Registration upon examination.** Except as provided in
7 AS 08.48.191, for registration as a professional architect, professional engineer,
8 professional land surveyor, [OR] professional landscape architect, **or registered**
9 **interior designer**, a person shall be examined in this state in accordance with the
10 regulations of procedure and standards adopted by the board under AS 44.62
11 (Administrative Procedure Act). The procedure and standards shall at least meet the
12 requirements adopted by recognized national examining councils for these
13 professions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (a) This chapter does not prevent a corporation, limited liability company,
 28 limited liability partnership, or limited partnership from offering architectural,
 29 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior**
 30 **design** services; however, the corporation, limited liability company, limited liability
 31 partnership, or limited partnership shall file with the board

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

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

25 (3) a designation in writing setting out the name of one or more
26 persons holding certificates of registration under this chapter who are in responsible
27 charge of each major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR]
28 landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** activities in which the
29 corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited
30 partnership specializes in this state; if a change is made in the person in responsible
31 charge of a major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR]

1 landscape architectural, **or registered interior design** activities, the change shall be
 2 designated in writing and filed with the board within 30 days after the effective date of
 3 the change.

4 * **Sec. 16.** AS 08.48.241(b) is amended to read:

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

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

24 (2) the application for certificate of authorization states the type of
 25 architecture, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architecture, **or registered**
 26 **interior design** practiced or to be practiced by the corporation, limited liability
 27 company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership;

28 (3) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, limited
 29 liability partnership, or limited partnership has the ability to provide architectural,
 30 engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered interior**
 31 **design** services;

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (e) If a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or
 28 limited partnership that is organized solely by [EITHER] a group of architects, a group
 29 of engineers, a group of land surveyors, [OR] a group of landscape architects, **or a**
 30 **group of registered interior designers**, each holding a certificate of registration
 31 under this chapter, applies for a certificate of authorization, the board may, in its

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (b) A person uses a title tending to convey the impression that the person is a

1 "registered interior designer" while offering to practice or practicing interior design if
 2 the person by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or other means
 3 represents to be a registered interior designer or through the use of some other title
 4 implies that the person is a registered interior designer when offering to practice or
 5 practicing interior design.

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

7 (a) This chapter does not apply to

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

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

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

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

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

26 (6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

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

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

31 (C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by

1 not more than

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 use is public occupancy;

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

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

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

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

17 **(15) a person who is authorized to construct, install, or modify a**
18 **conventional onsite wastewater system by the Department of Environmental**
19 **Conservation under AS 46.03.100; the Department of Environmental**
20 **Conservation may adopt regulations limiting the locations in the state in which**
21 **this paragraph applies.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 * **Sec. 30.** AS 23.30.017(c)(1) is amended to read:

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

11 * **Sec. 31.** AS 34.35.050 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (6) is a general contractor.

2 * **Sec. 32.** AS 35.15.010(c) is amended to read:

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

6 * **Sec. 33.** AS 36.30.270(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) Notwithstanding conflicting provisions of AS 36.30.100 - 36.30.260, a
8 procurement officer shall negotiate a contract for an agency with the most qualified
9 and suitable firm or person of demonstrated competence for architectural, engineering,
10 [OR] land surveying, landscape architectural, or registered interior design
11 services. The procurement officer shall award a contract for those services at fair and
12 reasonable compensation as determined by the procurement officer, after
13 consideration of the estimated value of the services to be rendered, and the scope,
14 complexity, and professional nature of the services. When determining the most
15 qualified and suitable firm or person, the procurement officer shall consider the

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

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

21 * **Sec. 34.** AS 36.30.270(d) is amended to read:

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

1 **landscape architectural, or registered interior design** services.

2 * **Sec. 35.** AS 36.90.100 is amended to read:

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

7 (1) an individual who is not registered under AS 08.48 to perform the
 8 architectural, engineering, land surveying, [OR] landscape architectural, **or registered**
 9 **interior design** services required by the contract;

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

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

18 * **Sec. 36.** AS 08.48.011(c) is repealed.

19 * **Sec. 37.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 20 read:

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

- 1 * **Sec. 38.** Sections 2 and 37 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
- 2 * **Sec. 39.** Except as provided in sec. 38 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.