

# STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROF GEOLOGISTS

## Enabling Laws

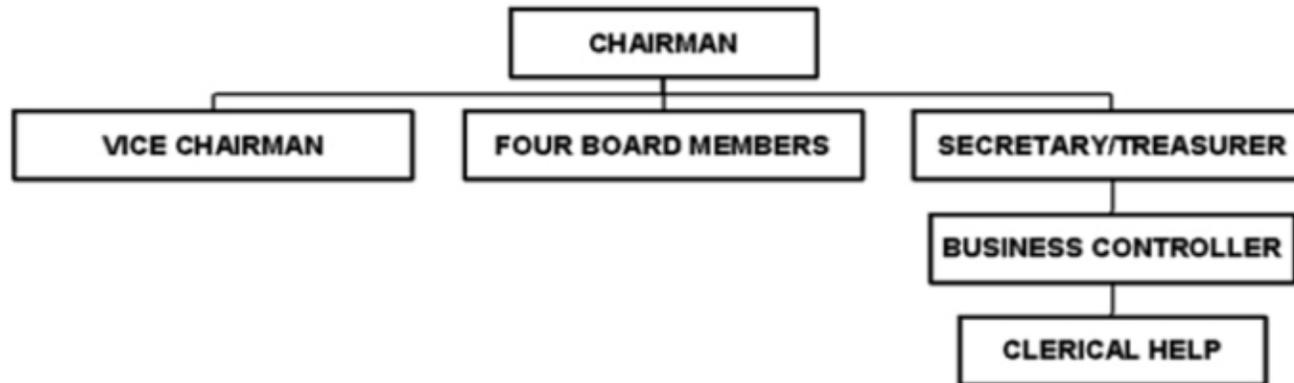
Act 59 of 2010  
Act 701 of 1987 as amended  
A.C.A. § 17-32-101 et seq.

## History and Organization

Act 701 of 1987 established the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. The purpose of the Board is to oversee the practice of geology in the State of Arkansas in the public sector. The primary mission of the Board is to regulate such practice by registration and certification of qualified geologists and promulgate and enforce the regulations that provide the standards for practicing geology in Arkansas, in order to protect the public.

In 1988, the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, along with several other states, founded the National Association of State Boards of Geology.

The Board of Registration for Professional Geologists consists of seven members appointed by the Governor or set by the Act. Five members are registered geologists representing academia, government, a company, an independent or consultant and a geologist-at-large. One member is appointed for the public-at-large and the Director of the Arkansas Geological Survey is a permanent ex-officio member. The Board employs one individual, a Business Operations Specialist.



## Agency Commentary

The Board of Registration for Professional Geologists has recognized over 1900 registered geologists, 796 having a current status. There are currently 2 geologists-in-training and 6 applications for registration on file. The Board is authorized to collect up to \$60.00 per year, per registrant in renewal fees. Other fees collected include a \$20.00 application fee, \$60.00 initial registration fee, and \$20.00 geologist-in-training renewal fee. In addition, the Board may collect penalty fees at the rate of 50% from renewals paid during the six-month penalty period. Reinstatement fees are double the annual renewal fee and require Board approval.

Act 676 of 2005 gave the Board the authority to collect up to \$600.00 for a temporary permit. This permit allows geologists registered in other states to legally work in Arkansas for less than one year without having to complete the entire registration process.

The Board currently occupies an office at 501 Woodlane, Suite 105C, Little Rock, AR 72201. Revenue from registration and other fees support salaries, supplies, postage, telephone service and participation in the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) which provides the examination required for registration.

The Board is requesting the Base Level for the 2011-2013 biennium.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Findings

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None

Recommendations

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None

## Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

## Publications

### A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Directory of Professional Geologists and GIT's Registered in Arkansas	A.C.A. 17-32-207	N	N	300	Public Record Publication and distribution is mandated by law.

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009						FY2009 - 2010						FY2010 - 2011					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 851 - Cash Operations

**Funding Sources:** NEG - Cash in Treasury

The Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was created by Act 701 of 1987. The primary duty of the Board is to regulate the public practice of geology in the State of Arkansas by registration and certification of qualified geologists. The Board is a cash agency funded from application, registration, and renewal fees charged pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §17-32-307.

Base Level salary and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments.

The Board is requesting Base Level appropriation of \$71,623 each year of the 2011-2013 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## Appropriation Summary

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### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	33,640	33,937	33,953	33,337	33,337	33,337	33,337	33,337	33,337
<b>#Positions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Extra Help 5010001	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Personal Services Matching 5010003	10,948	11,735	11,421	11,636	11,636	11,636	11,636	11,636	11,636
Operating Expenses 5020002	20,797	21,650	21,650	21,650	21,650	21,650	21,650	21,650	21,650
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	1,882	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,267</b>	<b>72,322</b>	<b>72,024</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
Fund Balance 4000005	154,355	139,100		118,778	118,778	118,778	99,155	99,155	99,155
Cash Fund 4000045	52,012	52,000		52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>206,367</b>	<b>191,100</b>		<b>170,778</b>	<b>170,778</b>	<b>170,778</b>	<b>151,155</b>	<b>151,155</b>	<b>151,155</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(139,100)	(118,778)		(99,155)	(99,155)	(99,155)	(79,532)	(79,532)	(79,532)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>67,267</b>	<b>72,322</b>		<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>	<b>71,623</b>

The FY11 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.