

# STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROF ENGINEERS & PROF SURVEYORS

## Enabling Laws

Act 171 of 2016

A.C.A. §17-30-101 et seq. (Act 214 of 1953, amended Act 202 of 1925)

A.C.A. §17-48-101 et seq. (Act 101 of 1967, as amended.)

## History and Organization

The Arkansas General Assembly saw the need to regulate the practice of Engineering. They passed Act 202 of 1925 to create the Agency. A Board was established to review the qualifications of individuals to insure they met certain controlling and minimum qualifications to be awarded a license to practice engineering in the State of Arkansas. The Board was also given the authority to discipline individuals that provided substandard engineering services to residents of the State. The original Act has been amended numerous times and at present is A.C.A. §17-30-101 et seq.

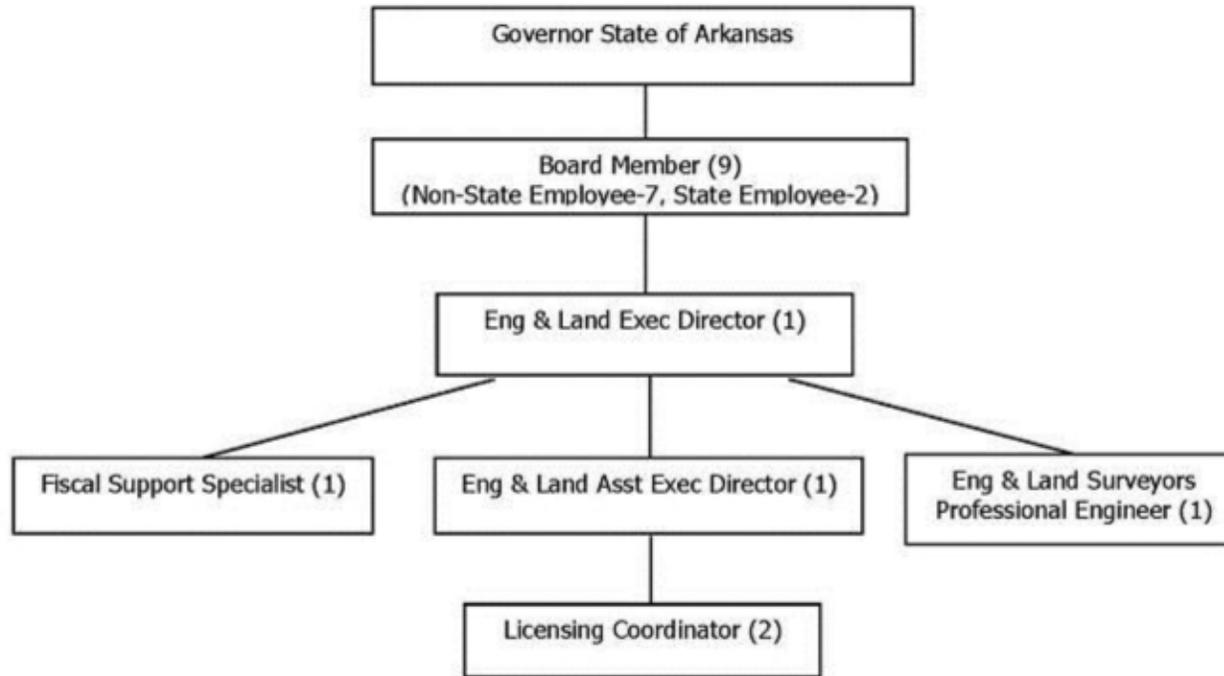
Act 101 of 1967 was passed by the General Assembly which added to the Agency the licensing of Surveyors. The Board reviews the qualifications of individuals to be awarded a license to practice Surveying in the State of Arkansas. The Board was also given the authority to discipline individuals that provide substandard surveying services to residents of the State. The original Act has been amended numerous times and at present is A.C.A. §17-48-101 et seq.

The Agency has never received any money from the State for the operation of the office. All monies used by the Agency for operation, salaries, and etc. are generated from the collection of application fees, examination fees, renewal fees, and disciplinary civil penalties.

The Board consists of nine (9) members that are appointed by the Governor. Five (5) members shall be Professional Engineers of at least ten (10) years of active experience, of good standing in their profession, and registered as Professional Engineers at the time of their appointment; One (1) member shall be a Professional Engineer and a Professional Surveyor of at least ten (10) years of active experience in both, of good standing in both professions and registered as both a Professional Engineer and Professional Surveyor, at the time of their appointment; One (1) member shall be a Professional Surveyor of at least ten (10) years active experience, of good standing in their profession, and registered as a Professional Surveyor at the time of his appointment; Two (2) members of the Board shall not be actively engaged or retired as a Professional Engineers or a Professional Surveyor, One (1) shall represent consumers, and One (1) shall be at least sixty (60) years of age and shall represent elderly consumers. The term of office for each appointment is four (4) years.

There is no restriction on the number of times an individual may be appointed.

The Agency has six (6) full-time positions and one (1) part-time extra help position. The positions are Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Professional Engineer, two (2) Licensing Specialists, and one (1) Fiscal Support Analyst. The staff is responsible for compiling all information necessary for the Board to make decisions on the licensing of individuals. Other responsibilities include maintaining records of all renewals, correspondence, and financial records of the Agency.



## Agency Commentary

To fulfill the Boards mission and to honor its duty as stewards, during the last Biennium a request was submitted to reduce our operations appropriations by \$55,412 to better reflect actual expenditures. This request was approved by Legislature.

As a result, the Board requests Base Level Appropriation for both FY18 and FY19.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

## State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

## Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	2	3	60 %
Black Employees	0	1	1	20 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	1	1	20 %
Total Minorities			2	40 %
Total Employees			5	100 %

## Publications

### A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution	Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years	Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years
		Governor	General Assembly				
Newsletter	17-30-203 (b)(4)	N	N	10,000	Distributed biannually to keep licensees apprised of items of interest, changes affecting their professions, proposed rule changes, and the results of disciplinary actions taken by the Board.	0	0.00
Rules of Professional Conduct and Roster	17-30-305 (c)	N	N	10,000	To notify every registrant once every biennium of the rules of professional conduct, as provided by 17-30-203.	0	0.00

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2014 - 2015						FY2015 - 2016					FY2016 - 2017						
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		
5	5	0	5	0	0.00 %	6	5	0	5	1	16.67 %	6	6	0	6	0	0.00 %

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 857 - Land Surveyors - Cash in Treasury

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

Act 202 of 1925 created the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors. The purpose of the Board is to ensure the public through rules and regulations professional engineers or land surveyors will provide competent services to the citizens of the State. The Board is funded from application, certificate, and renewal fees charged pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-304.

Act 444 of 2009 changed the name of the board to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$599,911 for FY18 and \$600,034 for FY19.

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		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	259,164	270,047	284,554	270,147	270,147	270,147	270,247	270,247	270,247
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Extra Help	5010001	11,420	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
<b>#Extra Help</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>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	89,771	90,231	94,347	91,744	91,744	91,744	91,767	91,767	91,767
Operating Expenses	5020002	311,280	208,649	208,649	208,649	208,649	208,649	208,649	208,649	208,649
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	7,433	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227
Professional Fees	5060010	17,921	7,144	7,144	7,144	7,144	7,144	7,144	7,144	7,144
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>696,989</b>	<b>598,298</b>	<b>616,921</b>	<b>599,911</b>	<b>599,911</b>	<b>599,911</b>	<b>600,034</b>	<b>600,034</b>	<b>600,034</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	1,261,581	1,206,407		1,233,109	1,233,109	1,233,109	1,258,198	1,258,198	1,258,198
Cash Fund	4000045	641,815	625,000		625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>1,903,396</b>	<b>1,831,407</b>		<b>1,858,109</b>	<b>1,858,109</b>	<b>1,858,109</b>	<b>1,883,198</b>	<b>1,883,198</b>	<b>1,883,198</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,206,407)	(1,233,109)		(1,258,198)	(1,258,198)	(1,258,198)	(1,283,164)	(1,283,164)	(1,283,164)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>696,989</b>	<b>598,298</b>		<b>599,911</b>	<b>599,911</b>	<b>599,911</b>	<b>600,034</b>	<b>600,034</b>	<b>600,034</b>