

By: Representative Cummings

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 698

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-13-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO HAS SERVED AS A DULY ELECTED COUNTY
3 SURVEYOR FOR 20 YEARS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS
4 FOR ENROLLMENT OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL LAND
5 SURVEYOR; TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-13-77 AND 73-13-85, MISSISSIPPI
6 CODE OF 1972; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-13-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 73-13-81. (1) Examinations shall be required for enrollment
11 as a land surveyor intern and registration as a professional land
12 surveyor. The examinations shall be held at such time and place
13 as the board may determine.

14 The scope of the examinations and the methods and procedures
15 shall be prescribed by the board with special reference to the
16 applicant's ability to exercise direct control and personal
17 supervision of all land surveying functions.

18 The board shall cite applicants to examinations in accordance
19 with its rules and regulations.

20 (2) Any person who has served as a duly elected county
21 surveyor under Section 19-27-1 for at least twenty (20) years,
22 regardless of whether such service has been consecutive or not,
23 shall not be required to take or pass an examination or
24 reexamination prescribed by the board for a professional land
25 surveyor.

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 73-13-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
27 amended as follows:



28 73-13-77. (1) The following shall be considered as minimum
29 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified
30 for registration as a professional land surveyor:

31 (a) The successful completion of a curriculum of two
32 (2) scholastic years or more from a school or college approved by
33 the board as of satisfactory standing, including the completion of
34 approved courses in surveying and related subjects; a specific
35 record of three (3) years of qualifying land surveying experience
36 indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land
37 surveying; and successfully passing examinations in surveying
38 prescribed by the board, except as otherwise provided in Section
39 73-13-81(2); or

40 (b) A specific record of seven (7) years' or more
41 experience in land surveying work of a character satisfactory to
42 the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to
43 practice land surveying; and successfully passing examinations in
44 surveying prescribed by the board.

45 No person shall be eligible for registration as a
46 professional land surveyor who is not of good character and
47 reputation.

48 (2) The following shall be considered as minimum evidence
49 satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for
50 certification as a land surveyor intern:

51 (a) The successful completion of two (2) scholastic
52 years or more from a school or college approved by the board as of
53 satisfactory standing, including the completion of approved
54 courses in land surveying and related subjects, and successfully
55 passing an examination in the fundamentals of land surveying; or

56 (b) A specific record of three (3) years or more of
57 qualifying land surveying experience, and successfully passing an
58 examination in the fundamentals of land surveying.

59 **SECTION 3.** Section 73-13-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
60 amended as follows:



61 73-13-85. Certificates of registration shall expire on the
62 last day of the month of December following their issuance or
63 renewal and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. It
64 shall be the duty of the board to notify every person registered
65 under Sections 73-13-71 through 73-13-105 of the date of the
66 expiration of his certificate and the amount of the fee that shall
67 be required for its renewal for one (1) year; such notice shall be
68 sent by first class mail to the last known address of the
69 registrant at least one (1) month in advance of the date of the
70 expiration of said certificate. Renewal may be effected at any
71 time during the month of December by the payment of a fee not to
72 exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). A person who is registered as a
73 professional land surveyor and as a professional engineer may
74 effect both renewals by the payment of a single fee not to exceed
75 Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00). The failure on the part of any
76 registrant to renew his certificate annually in the month of
77 December as required above shall not deprive such person of the
78 right of renewal, but the fee to be paid for the renewal of a
79 certificate after the month of December shall be increased ten
80 percent (10%) for each month that payment of renewal is delayed;
81 however, the maximum fee for delayed renewal shall not exceed five
82 (5) times the normal renewal fee.

83 If the registrant shall fail to renew his certificate within
84 five (5) years from the date of expiration, he must pay the back
85 fees and be reexamined by the board in principles and practice
86 before his certificate will be reissued. The reexamination may be
87 waived by the board provided the applicant has continued to
88 practice under another jurisdiction from the date of expiration of
89 his certificate. The reexamination shall be waived by the board
90 if the applicant is exempt from reexamination under Section
91 73-13-81(2).

92 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
93 and after its passage.

