

By: Representative Wallace

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 551

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-13-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE, A
3 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AND HAS A SPECIFIC RECORD OF TWO
4 YEARS OF QUALIFYING SURVEYING EXPERIENCE SHALL BE QUALIFIED FOR
5 LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-13-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 73-13-77. (1) The following shall be considered as minimum
10 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified
11 for licensure as a professional surveyor:

12 (a) (i) A bachelor's degree in geomatics, surveying or
13 surveying technology approved by the board consisting of a minimum
14 of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours, or the equivalent, in
15 surveying curriculum subjects and a specific record of four (4)
16 years of qualifying surveying experience; or

17 (ii) A bachelor's degree in a related science
18 curriculum defined by board rule, consisting of sixty-two (62)
19 semester hours in surveying curriculum subjects as defined by



20 board rule, and a specific record of five (5) years of qualifying
21 surveying experience; or

22 (iii) A bachelor's degree in a related science
23 curriculum defined by board rule, and a specific record of six (6)
24 years of qualifying surveying experience; or

25 (iv) An associate degree, or its equivalent, in a
26 curriculum approved by the board consisting of sixty-two (62)
27 semester hours in surveying curriculum subjects as defined by
28 board rule, and a specific record of seven (7) years or more of
29 qualifying surveying experience; or

30 (v) A high school diploma, or its equivalent, and
31 a specific record of twelve (12) years or more of qualifying
32 surveying experience; * * * or

33 (vi) A resident of the state, a licensed
34 professional engineer and a specific record of two (2) years of
35 qualifying surveying experience; and

36 (b) Successfully passing examinations in surveying
37 prescribed by the board.

38 (2) The following shall be considered as minimum evidence
39 satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for
40 enrollment as a surveyor intern:

41 (a) (i) A bachelor's degree in geomatics, surveying or
42 surveying technology approved by the board consisting of a minimum
43 of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours, or the equivalent, in
44 surveying curriculum subjects; or



45 (ii) A bachelor's degree in a related science
46 curriculum defined by board rule consisting of sixty-two (62)
47 semester hours in surveying curriculum subjects as defined by
48 board rule; or

49 (iii) A bachelor's degree in a related science
50 curriculum defined by board rule; or

51 (iv) An associate degree, or its equivalent, in a
52 curriculum approved by the board consisting of sixty-two (62)
53 semester hours in surveying curriculum subjects as defined by
54 board rule; or

55 (v) A high school diploma, or its equivalent, and
56 a specific record of eight (8) years or more of qualifying
57 surveying experience; and

58 (b) Successfully passing examinations in surveying
59 fundamentals prescribed by the board.

60 (3) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
61 professional surveyor who is not of good character and reputation,
62 as defined in the board's Code of Professional Conduct.

63 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
64 and after July 1, 2023.

