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5 BILL NO. 1282

By: Wallace of the House

and

Newberry of the Senate

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8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 **[professions and occupations - engineering and land**
10 **surveying - nonlicensees - qualifications for certain**
11 **licensure - temporary permit - repealer -**
12 **codification - effective date]**

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 475.1. In order to safeguard life, health and property,
17 and to promote the public welfare, the practice of engineering and
18 the practice of land surveying in this state are hereby declared to
19 be subject to regulation in the public interest. It shall be
20 unlawful to practice or to offer to practice engineering or land
21 surveying in this state, as defined in the provisions of Section
22 475.1 et seq. of this title, or to use in connection with any name
23 or otherwise assume or advertise any title or description tending to
24 convey the impression that any person is an engineer, professional

1 engineer, professional structural engineer, land surveyor or
2 professional land surveyor, unless such person has been duly
3 licensed or authorized under the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq.
4 of this title. The practice of engineering or land surveying shall
5 be deemed a privilege granted by the state through the State Board
6 of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, based on
7 the qualifications of the individual as evidenced by a certificate
8 of licensure, which shall not be transferable.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.2, as
10 amended by Section 1, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
11 Section 475.2), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 475.2. As used in Section 475.1 et seq. of this title:

13 1. "Engineer" means a person who, by reason of special
14 knowledge and use of the mathematical, physical and engineering
15 sciences and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and
16 design, acquired by engineering education and engineering
17 experience, is qualified, after meeting the requirements of Section
18 475.1 et seq. of this title and the regulations issued by the Board
19 pursuant thereto, to engage in the practice of engineering;

20 2. "Professional engineer" or "P.E." means a person who has
21 been duly licensed as a professional engineer as provided in Section
22 475.1 et seq. of this title and the regulations issued by the Board
23 pursuant thereto;

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1 3. "Professional Structural Engineer", "P.E.", "S.E." or "S.E."
2 means an individual who has been duly licensed as a professional
3 engineer by the Board, and who has been further authorized by the
4 Board to use the title Professional Structural Engineer, P.E. S.E.,
5 or S.E., and perform structural engineering analysis and design
6 services for significant structures based upon education, experience
7 and examinations as described in subsection D of Section 11 of this
8 act. For purposes of this definition, the term "significant
9 structures" may be defined by Board rule; provided, however, such
10 definition shall not include any structure that is a residential
11 structure;

12 4. "Engineer intern" or "E.I." means a person who complies with
13 the ~~requirements~~ requirement for education ~~and experience~~ and has
14 passed an examination in the fundamental engineering subjects, as
15 provided in Section 475.1 et seq. of this title and the regulations
16 issued by the Board pursuant thereto;

17 ~~4.~~ 5. "Practice of engineering" means any service or creative
18 ~~work, the adequate performance of which requires~~ requiring
19 engineering education, training and experience in the application of
20 ~~special knowledge of the mathematical, physical and engineering~~
21 ~~sciences~~ engineering principles and the interpretation of
22 engineering data to engineering activities that may impact the life,
23 health, property and welfare of the public. The services may
24 include, but are not limited to, such services or creative work as:

- 1 a. consultation,
- 2 b. investigation,
- 3 c. evaluation,
- 4 d. planning and design of engineering works and systems,
- 5 e. planning the engineering use of land and water,
- 6 f. teaching of advanced engineering subjects or courses
- 7 related thereto,
- 8 g. engineering research,
- 9 h. engineering surveys,
- 10 i. engineering studies, ~~and~~
- 11 j. engineering reports,
- 12 k. written engineering opinions,
- 13 l. the inspection or review of construction for the
- 14 purposes of ~~assuring~~ ensuring compliance with drawings
- 15 and specifications~~+~~, and
- 16 m. engineering reports or like material developed in
- 17 connection with expert witness testimony or
- 18 anticipated testimony,
- 19 any of which embraces such services or work, either public or
- 20 private, in connection with any utilities, structures, buildings,
- 21 machines, equipment, processes, work systems, projects,
- 22 communication systems, transportation systems and industrial or
- 23 consumer products or equipment of a mechanical, electrical,
- 24 chemical, environmental, hydraulic, pneumatic, thermal, control

1 system or communications nature, insofar as they involve
2 safeguarding life, health or property, and including such other
3 professional services as may be necessary to the design review and
4 integration of a multidiscipline work, planning, progress and
5 completion of any engineering services.

6 Design review and integration includes the design review and
7 integration of those technical submissions prepared by others,
8 including as appropriate and without limitation, engineers,
9 architects, landscape architects, land surveyors, and other
10 professionals working under the direction of the engineer. The
11 definition of design review and integration by engineers does not
12 restrict the services other licensed professional disciplines are
13 authorized to offer or perform by statute or regulation.

14 Engineering surveys include all survey activities required to
15 support the sound conception, planning, design, construction,
16 maintenance and operation of engineered projects, but exclude the
17 surveying of real property for the establishment of land boundaries,
18 rights-of-way, easements and the dependent or independent surveys or
19 resurveys of the public land survey system.

20 A person or entity shall be construed to practice or offer to
21 practice engineering, within the meaning and intent of Section 475.1
22 et seq. of this title who does any of the following: practices any
23 branch of the profession of engineering; by verbal claim, sign,
24 advertisement, letterhead, card or in any other way represents such

1 person to be a professional engineer, or through the use of some
2 other title implies that any person is a professional engineer or is
3 licensed or qualified under Section 475.1 et seq. of this title; or
4 who represents qualifications or ability to perform or who does
5 practice engineering;

6 ~~5.~~ 6. "Professional land surveyor" or "land surveyor" or
7 "P.L.S." means a person who has been duly licensed as a professional
8 land surveyor pursuant to Section 475.1 et seq. of this title and
9 the regulations issued by the Board pursuant thereto; and is a
10 person who, by reason of special knowledge in the technique of
11 measuring land and use of the basic principles of mathematics, the
12 related physical and applied sciences and the relevant requirements
13 of law for adequate evidence and all requisite to surveying of real
14 property, acquired by education and experience, is qualified to
15 engage in the practice of land surveying;

16 ~~6.~~ 7. "Land surveyor intern" or "L.S.I." means a person who
17 complies with the ~~requirements~~ requirement for education ~~and~~
18 ~~experience~~, and has passed an examination in the fundamental land
19 surveying subjects, as provided in Section 475.1 et seq. of this
20 title and regulations issued by the Board pursuant thereto;

21 ~~7.~~ 8. a. "Practice of land surveying" means any authoritative
22 service or work performed to a stated accuracy, the
23 adequate performance of which involves the application
24 of special knowledge of the principles of mathematics,

1 methods of measurement, and the law for the
2 determination and preservation of land boundaries.

3 "Practice of land surveying" includes, without
4 limitation:

5 (1) restoration and rehabilitation of corners and
6 boundaries in the United States Public Land
7 Survey System or the subdivision thereof,

8 (2) obtaining and evaluating evidence for the
9 accurate determination of land boundaries,

10 ~~(3) determination of the areas and elevations of land~~
11 ~~parcels for a survey,~~

12 ~~(4)~~ monumenting the subdivision of land parcels into
13 smaller parcels and the preparation of the
14 descriptions in connection therewith,

15 ~~(5)~~

16 (4) measuring and platting underground mine workings,

17 ~~(6)~~

18 (5) creation, preparation of the control or

19 modification of electronic or computerized data

20 including portions of geographic information

21 systems and land information systems, relative to

22 the performance of the practice of land

23 surveying,

24 ~~(7)~~

1 (6) establishment, restoration, and rehabilitation of
2 land survey monuments and bench marks,
3 ~~(8)~~
4 (7) preparation of land survey plats, condominium
5 plats, monument records, and survey reports,
6 ~~(9)~~
7 (8) surveying, monumenting, and platting of
8 easements, and rights-of-way,
9 ~~(10)~~
10 (9) measuring, locating, or establishing lines,
11 angles, elevations, natural and man-made features
12 in the air, on the surface of the earth, within
13 underground workings, and on the beds of bodies
14 of water for the purpose of determining areas and
15 volumes for a survey, the configuration or
16 contour of the earth's surface, or the position
17 of fixed objects on the earth's surface,
18 ~~(11)~~
19 (10) geodetic surveying, ~~and~~
20 ~~(12)~~
21 (11) any other activities incidental to and necessary
22 for the adequate performance of the services
23 described in this paragraph, and
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1 (12) surveying reports or like material developed in
2 connection with expert witness testimony or
3 anticipated testimony.

4 b. A person or entity shall be construed to practice or
5 offer to practice land surveying, within the meaning
6 and intent of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title who
7 does any one of the following: practices any branch
8 of the profession of land surveying; by verbal claim,
9 sign, advertisement, letterhead, card or in any other
10 way represents such person to be a professional land
11 surveyor or through the use of some other title
12 implies that such person or entity is a professional
13 land surveyor or that such person is registered,
14 licensed, or qualified under Section 475.1 et seq. of
15 this title; represents qualifications or ability to
16 perform; or who does practice land surveying-

17 ~~e. A person shall not be construed to practice or offer~~
18 ~~to practice land surveying, within the meaning and~~
19 ~~intent of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, who~~
20 ~~merely acts as an agent of a purchaser of land~~
21 ~~surveying services. Agents of a purchaser of land~~
22 ~~surveying services include, but are not limited to,~~
23 ~~real estate agents and brokers, title companies,~~
24 ~~attorneys providing title examination services, and~~

1 ~~persons who or firms that coordinate the acquisition~~
2 ~~and use of land surveying services. The coordination~~
3 ~~of land surveying services includes, but is not~~
4 ~~limited to; sales and marketing of services,~~
5 ~~discussion of requirements of land surveys,~~
6 ~~contracting to furnish land surveys, review of land~~
7 ~~surveys, the requesting of revisions of land surveys,~~
8 ~~and making any and all modifications to surveys with~~
9 ~~the written consent of the land surveyor, and~~
10 ~~furnishing final revised copies to the land surveyor~~
11 ~~showing all revisions, the distribution of land~~
12 ~~surveys, and receiving payment for such services.~~
13 ~~These actions do not constitute the practice of land~~
14 ~~surveying, and do not violate any part of Section~~
15 ~~475.1 through 475.22a of this title or the Bylaws and~~
16 ~~Rules of the Board;~~

17 ~~8.~~ 9. "Board" means the State Board of Licensure for
18 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors;

19 ~~9.~~ 10. "Responsible charge" means direct control and personal
20 supervision of engineering ~~work~~ or land surveying work;

21 ~~10.~~ 11. "Rules of professional conduct for professional
22 engineers and professional land surveyors" means those rules
23 promulgated by the Board;

1 ~~11.~~ 12. "Firm" means any form of business or entity, ~~a private~~
2 ~~practitioner employing other licensed engineers, surveyors or~~
3 ~~licensed design professionals, or any person or entity using one or~~
4 ~~more fictitious names~~ other than an individual operating as a sole
5 proprietorship under his or her name;

6 ~~12.~~ 13. "Direct control" and "personal supervision" whether
7 used separately or together mean active and personal management of
8 the firm's personnel and practice to maintain charge of, and
9 concurrent direction over, engineering or land surveying decisions
10 and the instruments of professional services to which the licensee
11 affixes the seal, signature, and date; ~~and~~

12 ~~13.~~ 14. "Core curriculum" means the Board-approved land
13 surveying courses adopted by Board policy, developed to ensure that
14 professional land surveyor applicants meet the minimum educational
15 requirements for licensure;

16 15. "Related science degree" means a bachelor's degree from an
17 Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission/Accreditation Board
18 for Engineering and Technology (ETAC/ABET) accredited engineering
19 technology program of four (4) years or more. A degree of four (4)
20 years or more in architecture, mathematical, physical or engineering
21 sciences may be considered as a related science degree if it was
22 obtained from a Board-approved program, and shall include a minimum
23 of eight (8) hours of mathematics beyond trigonometry, including
24 calculus, and twenty (20) hours of engineering sciences or related

1 sciences, including physics. Non-accredited engineering degree
2 programs shall meet the above requirements to be considered a
3 related science degree;

4 16. "Authoritative" means being presented as trustworthy and
5 competent when used to describe products, processes, applications or
6 data resulting from the practice of engineering or land surveying;
7 and

8 17. "Disciplinary action" means any final written decision or
9 settlement taken against an individual or firm by a licensing board
10 based upon a violation of the Board's laws and rules.

11 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.3, as
12 amended by Section 1, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
13 Section 475.3), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 475.3. A. The State Board of Licensure for
15 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is hereby re-created, to
16 continue until July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of
17 the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to administer the
18 provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board shall
19 consist of four professional engineers and two professional land
20 surveyors, at least one of whom is not a professional engineer, all
21 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and
22 consent of the Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay
23 member. The professional engineers and professional land surveyors
24 shall be appointed by the Governor ~~preferably from a list of~~

1 ~~nominees submitted by the respective professional engineering or~~
2 ~~land surveying societies of this state,~~ and shall have the
3 qualifications required by Section 475.4 of this title.

4 B. Each member of the Board shall file with the Secretary of
5 State a written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of
6 official duties.

7 C. Appointments to the Board shall be in such manner and for
8 such period of time so that no two terms, with the exception of the
9 lay member, shall expire in the same year. On the expiration of the
10 term of any member, except the lay member, the Governor shall in the
11 manner herein provided appoint for a term of six (6) years a
12 professional engineer or professional land surveyor having the
13 qualifications required in Section 475.4 of this title. The lay
14 member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term
15 coterminous with that of the Governor. The lay member shall serve
16 at the pleasure of the Governor. Provided, the lay member may
17 continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until
18 such time as a successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed
19 to succeed themselves. Each member may hold office until the
20 expiration of the term for which appointed or until a successor has
21 been duly appointed and has qualified. In the event of a vacancy on
22 the Board due to resignation, death or for any cause resulting in an
23 unexpired term, if not filled within three (3) months, the Board may

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1 appoint a provisional member to serve in the interim until the
2 Governor acts.

3 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.4, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 475.4. Each professional engineer member of the Board
6 shall be a citizen of the United States and resident of this state.
7 The member shall have been engaged in the lawful practice of
8 engineering as a professional engineer for at least ten (10) years.
9 The member shall have been in responsible charge of engineering
10 projects for at least five (5) years and shall be a licensed
11 professional engineer in this state. Each professional land
12 surveyor member of the Board shall be a citizen of the United States
13 and a resident of this state. The member shall have been engaged in
14 the lawful practice of land surveying as a professional land
15 surveyor for at least ten (10) years. The member shall have been in
16 responsible charge of land surveying projects for at least five (5)
17 years and shall be a licensed professional land surveyor in this
18 state.

19 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.8, as
20 amended by Section 2, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
21 Section 475.8), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 475.8. A. The State Board of Licensure for
23 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall have the power to
24 adopt and amend all bylaws and rules of procedure, not inconsistent

1 with the Constitution and laws of this state ~~or~~ and Section 475.1 et
2 seq. of this title, including the adoption and promulgation of Rules
3 of Professional Conduct for Professional Engineers and Land
4 Surveyors, which may be reasonably necessary for the proper
5 performance of its duties and the regulation of its proceedings,
6 meetings, records, examinations and the conduct thereof. These
7 actions by the Board shall be binding upon persons licensed under
8 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title and shall be applicable to firms
9 holding a certificate of authorization. The Board shall adopt and
10 have an official seal, which shall be affixed to each certificate
11 issued. The Board shall have the further power and authority to:

- 12 1. Establish and amend minimum standards for the practice of
13 engineering and land surveying;
- 14 2. Establish continuing education requirements for renewal of
15 professional engineering and professional land ~~surveyor~~ surveying
16 licenses;
- 17 3. Promulgate rules concerning the ethical marketing of
18 professional engineering and professional land surveying services;
19 and
- 20 4. Upon good cause shown, as hereinafter provided, deny the
21 issuance, restoration or renewal of, or place on probation for a
22 period of time and subject to such conditions as the Board may
23 specify, a certificate of licensure or certificate of authorization
24 ~~or~~. In addition, the Board may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew

1 certificates of licensure or certificates of authorization
2 previously issued, and upon proper showing to review, affirm,
3 reverse, vacate or modify its orders with respect to such denial,
4 suspension, revocation or refusal to renew.

5 B. The Board is hereby authorized to levy administrative
6 penalties against any person or entity who or which violates any of
7 the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title or any rule or
8 regulation promulgated pursuant thereto. The Board is hereby
9 authorized to initiate disciplinary, prosecutorial and injunctive
10 proceedings against any person or entity who or which has violated
11 any of the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title or any
12 rule or regulation of the Board promulgated pursuant thereto. The
13 Board shall investigate alleged violations of the provisions of
14 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title or of the rules or regulations,
15 orders or final decisions of the Board.

16 C. The Board is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase,
17 lease, gift, solicitation of gift or by any other lawful means, and
18 maintain, use and operate real property and improvements; contract
19 for the maintenance, use, and operation of or lease of any and all
20 real property and improvements; lease or sublease any part of real
21 property and improvements acquired pursuant to this section to
22 public entities, private entities, or private persons, on any terms
23 and for any consideration deemed appropriate by the Board, subject
24 to restrictions in purchase or lease documents relating to property

1 acquired; provided, all contracts for real property and improvements
2 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 63 of Title 74 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4 D. In carrying into effect the provisions of Section 475.1 et
5 seq. of this title, the Board, under the hand of its Chair, Vice
6 Chair, or Executive Director and the seal of the Board, may subpoena
7 witnesses and compel their attendance, and may also require the
8 submission of books, papers, documents or other pertinent data, in
9 any disciplinary matters, or in any case wherever a violation of
10 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title is alleged. Upon failure or
11 refusal to comply with any such order of the Board, or upon failure
12 to honor its subpoena, as herein provided, the Board may apply to a
13 court of proper jurisdiction for an order to enforce compliance with
14 same.

15 E. The Board is hereby authorized in the name of the state to
16 apply for relief by injunction in the established manner provided in
17 cases of civil procedure, without bond, to enforce the provisions of
18 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, or to restrain any violation
19 thereof. In such proceedings, it shall not be necessary to allege
20 or prove either that an adequate remedy at law does not exist or
21 that substantial or irreparable damage would result from the
22 continued violation thereof. The members of the Board shall not be
23 personally liable under this proceeding.

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1 F. The Board may subject an applicant for licensure or a
2 licensee to such examinations as it deems necessary to determine the
3 applicant's or licensee's qualifications. The Board may dispose of
4 a formal complaint against a licensee for a violation of Section
5 475.1 et seq. of this title by an order that a licensee shall
6 complete the examinations as the Board deems necessary to determine
7 the qualifications of the licensee, and upon the initial failure or
8 refusal to successfully complete the examination, within the time
9 ordered, place conditions on the license of the licensee to practice
10 and order other remedies until competence is demonstrated.

11 G. No action or other legal proceedings for damages shall be
12 instituted against the Board or against any Board member or employee
13 of the Board for any act done in good faith and in the intended
14 performance of any power granted under Section 475.1 et seq. of this
15 title or for any neglect or default in the performance or exercise
16 in good faith of any such duty or power.

17 H. The Board may give scholarships, as determined by the Board,
18 to an individual or individuals advancing toward obtaining an
19 Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC), Technology Accreditation
20 Commission, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
21 (TAC/ABET) or Board-approved accredited degree in engineering or
22 land surveying at an Oklahoma higher education institution, and take
23 such other action as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to
24 effectuate the rules of the State Board of Licensure for

1 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The Board may, at its
2 discretion, contract with other state agencies and nonprofit
3 corporations for the endowment, management and administration of
4 scholarships. The requirements of such scholarships shall be
5 determined by the Board. However, nothing contained herein shall be
6 construed as requiring the Board to endow or award any scholarship.

7 I. The Board may use its funds to establish and conduct
8 instructional programs for persons who are currently licensed to
9 practice engineering or land surveying, as well as refresher courses
10 for persons interested in obtaining adequate instruction or programs
11 of study to qualify them for licensure to practice engineering or
12 land surveying. The Board may expend its funds for these purposes
13 and may conduct, sponsor and arrange for instructional programs and
14 also may carry out instructional programs through extension courses
15 or other media. The Board may enter into plans or agreements with
16 community colleges, public or private institutions of higher
17 learning, the State Board of Education or with the Oklahoma
18 Department of Career and Technology Education for the purpose of
19 planning, scheduling or arranging courses, instruction, extension
20 courses or in assisting in obtaining courses of study or programs in
21 the fields of engineering and land surveying. The Board shall
22 encourage the educational institutions in Oklahoma to offer courses
23 necessary to complete the educational requirements of Section 475.1
24 et seq. of this title. For the purpose of carrying out these

1 objectives, the Board may adopt rules as may be necessary for the
2 educational programs, instruction, extension services or for
3 entering into plans or contracts with persons or educational
4 institutions and the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
5 Education.

6 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.9, as
7 amended by Section 3, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
8 Section 475.9), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 475.9. A. The Executive Director of the State Board of
10 Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall be
11 responsible for accounting for all monies derived under the
12 provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. This fund shall
13 be known as the "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Fund",
14 and shall be deposited with the State Treasurer, and shall be paid
15 out only upon requisitions submitted by the Secretary or Executive
16 Director. All monies in this fund are hereby specifically
17 appropriated for the use of the Board, and at the end of each fiscal
18 year the Board shall pay into the General Revenue Fund of the state
19 an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of all licensure and
20 certification fees in compliance with Section 211 of Title 62 of the
21 Oklahoma Statutes.

22 B. The Board shall obtain an office, secure such facilities,
23 and employ, direct, discharge and define the duties and salaries of
24 an Executive Director, Principal Assistant, Director of Enforcement,

1 Board Investigator and all other such clerical or other assistants
2 as are necessary for the proper performance of its work. Effective
3 November 1, 2017, all employees of the Board, current or future,
4 shall be considered in the unclassified service and shall not be
5 placed under the classified service. The Board shall make
6 expenditures from the fund created in subsection A of this section
7 for any purpose which, in the opinion of the Board, is reasonably
8 necessary for the proper performance of its duties under Section
9 475.1 et seq. of this title, including examination administration
10 fees, the expenses of the Board's delegates to meetings of and
11 membership fees to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering
12 and Surveying, meaning the national nonprofit organization composed
13 of engineering and land surveying licensing boards commonly called
14 NCEES, and any of its subdivisions, as provided in the State Travel
15 Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
16 Statutes. Under no circumstances shall the total amount of warrants
17 issued in payment of the expenses and compensation provided for in
18 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title exceed the amount of monies in
19 the fund.

20 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.10, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 475.10. A. The State Board of Licensure for
23 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall keep a record of its
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1 proceedings and of all applications for licensure, which record
2 shall show:

3 1. The name, date of birth and last-known mailing and email
4 address of each applicant;

5 2. The date of application;

6 3. The place of business of the applicant;

7 4. The education, experience and other qualifications of the
8 applicant;

9 5. The type of examination required;

10 6. Whether or not the applicant was rejected;

11 7. Whether or not a certificate of licensure was granted;

12 8. The date of the action of the Board; and

13 9. Such other information as may be deemed necessary by the
14 Board.

15 B. The record of the Board shall be prima facie evidence of the
16 proceedings of the Board and a transcript thereof, duly certified by
17 the Secretary or Executive Director of the Board under seal, shall
18 be admissible as evidence with the same force and effect as if the
19 original were produced.

20 C. The Board shall submit, upon request from the Governor, a
21 report of its transactions of the preceding year, including a
22 complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board,
23 attested by affidavits of its ~~Chairman~~ Chair and its Secretary.

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1 D. Board records and papers of the following class may be kept
2 confidential by the Board: examination materials, file records of
3 examination problem solutions, exam scores or results, letters of
4 inquiry and reference concerning applicants, transcripts of college
5 courses and grades, email addresses, ongoing investigation files,
6 closed complaints, information otherwise protected by law and all
7 other matters of like confidential nature.

8 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.11, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 475.11. Complete rosters showing the names and last-
11 known mailing addresses of all professional engineers and
12 professional land surveyors shall be maintained and made available
13 to the licensees and the public.

14 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 475.12a of Title 59, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Certification or Enrollment as an Engineer Intern. The
18 following shall be considered as minimum evidence that the applicant
19 is qualified for certification as an engineer intern:

20 1. Graduating from an engineering program of four (4) years or
21 more accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET
22 (EAC/ABET), or the equivalent, or a related science degree program
23 approved by the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers
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1 and Land Surveyors, or an engineering master's degree program from
2 an institution that offers EAC/ABET-accredited programs;

3 2. Passing the National Council of Examiners for Engineering
4 and Surveying (NCEES) Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination;
5 and

6 3. Submitting three professional or character references.

7 B. Licensure as a Professional Engineer. To be eligible for
8 licensure as a professional engineer, an individual shall meet all
9 of the following requirements:

10 1. Be of good character and reputation;

11 2. Satisfy the education and experience criteria set forth in
12 this section;

13 3. Pass the applicable examinations set forth in this section;
14 and

15 4. Submit five references acceptable to the Board, three of
16 which shall be professional engineers having personal knowledge of
17 the applicant's engineering experience.

18 C. Comity Licensure for a Professional Engineer. The following
19 shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the Board
20 that the applicant is qualified for licensure by comity as a
21 professional engineer:

22 1. An individual holding a certificate of licensure to engage
23 in the practice of engineering issued by a proper authority of any
24 state or jurisdiction, based on requirements that do not conflict

1 with the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the
2 Oklahoma Statutes and possessing credentials that are, in the
3 judgment of the Board, of a standard not lower than that specified
4 in the applicable licensure act in effect in Oklahoma at the time
5 such certificate was issued may, upon application, be licensed
6 without further examination except as required to examine the
7 applicant's knowledge of statutes, rules and other requirements
8 unique to this state. If the requirements that were met were of a
9 standard lower than that specified in the applicable licensure act
10 in effect in this state at the time such certificate was issued but,
11 in the judgement of the Board, the standard was a reasonable
12 standard at the time the original license was issued, the individual
13 may, upon application, be considered by the Board according to the
14 provisions in the Board rules; or

15 2. An individual holding an active Council Record with NCEES
16 whose qualifications as evidenced by the Council Record meet the
17 requirements of Section 475.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
18 Statutes may, upon application, be licensed without further
19 examination except as required to examine the applicant's knowledge
20 of statutes, rules and other requirements unique to Oklahoma.

21 D. Initial Licensure as a Professional Engineer. An applicant
22 who presents evidence of meeting the applicable education,
23 examination and experience requirements pursuant to this subsection
24 shall be eligible for licensure as a professional engineer.

1 1. Education Requirements. An individual seeking licensure as
2 a professional engineer shall possess one or more of the following
3 education qualifications:

4 a. a bachelor's degree in engineering from an EAC/ABET-
5 accredited program, or the equivalent,

6 b. a bachelor's degree in a Board-approved related
7 science degree program,

8 c. a master's degree in engineering from an institution
9 that offers EAC/ABET-accredited programs,

10 d. a master's degree in engineering from an EAC/M-ABET-
11 accredited program, or

12 e. an earned doctoral degree in engineering acceptable to
13 the Board.

14 2. Non-U.S., non-EAC/ABET-accredited degrees which are not
15 approved by the Board may be considered following a degree
16 evaluation by an evaluation service approved by the Board. The
17 maximum equivalency granted for degrees found not to be
18 substantially equivalent to an EAC/ABET degree shall be that of a
19 related science degree. Deficiencies outlined in the degree
20 evaluation may be corrected with further education approved by the
21 Board which may allow the applicant's education to be advanced to an
22 equivalent status. Non-U.S., non-EAC/ABET-accredited degrees
23 approved by the Board may be considered without a degree evaluation.
24

1 The maximum equivalency granted for these Board-approved degrees
2 shall be that of an equivalent degree.

3 3. Examination Requirements. An individual seeking licensure
4 as a professional engineer shall take and pass the NCEES
5 Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination and the NCEES
6 Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examination as follows:

7 a. the FE examination may be taken at any time according
8 to NCEES examination policy and procedures, but is
9 recommended to be taken during the student's senior
10 year of college,

11 b. the PE examination may be taken by a graduate of an
12 approved degree program pursuant to this section, or

13 c. the Board may waive the FE examination requirement for
14 the issuance of a license if the applicant possesses,
15 at a minimum, fifteen (15) years of progressive
16 experience on engineering projects which indicate to
17 the Board the applicant may be competent to practice
18 engineering. The Board shall evaluate all elements of
19 the application, according to Board rules, to assess
20 waiver requests.

21 4. Experience Requirements. An individual seeking licensure as
22 a professional engineer shall present evidence of a specific record
23 of progressive engineering experience satisfying one of the
24 following. This experience should be progressive and of a grade and

1 character that indicate to the Board that the applicant may be
2 competent to practice engineering:

3 a. an individual with a bachelor's degree in engineering
4 pursuant to subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this
5 subsection: four (4) years of experience after the
6 bachelor's degree is conferred,

7 b. an individual with a bachelor's degree in a Board-
8 approved related science degree program pursuant to
9 subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of this subsection: six
10 (6) years of experience after the bachelor's degree is
11 conferred,

12 c. an individual with a master's degree in engineering
13 pursuant to subparagraph c or d of paragraph 1 of this
14 subsection: three (3) years of experience after the
15 master's degree is conferred, or

16 d. an individual with an earned doctoral degree
17 acceptable to the Board: two (2) years of experience
18 after the doctoral degree is conferred.

19 5. Partial experience credit may be awarded for experience
20 earned prior to conferment of the qualifying degree, at the
21 discretion of the Board, as described in Board rules. In no case
22 shall the experience credit exceed one-half (1/2) of that required
23 for approved qualifying experience. The experience credit shall not
24

1 be claimed if the applicant is also claiming the experience time as
2 experience credit for a cooperative education program.

3 6. EAC/ABET-accredited engineering cooperative education
4 programs may be considered as experience credit earned prior to the
5 qualifying degree if the program meets the experience requirement
6 pursuant to this subsection. Otherwise, a maximum of six (6) months
7 experience may be claimed. Experience credit for a cooperative
8 education program shall not be claimed if the applicant also claims
9 the experience time as experience credit earned prior to the degree.

10 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 475.12b of Title 59, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. Certification or Enrollment as a Land Surveyor Intern.
14 Passing of the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination and
15 completion of one of the following shall be considered as minimum
16 evidence that the applicant is qualified for certification or
17 enrollment as a land surveyor intern:

18 1. Graduating from a surveying program of four (4) years or
19 more approved by the Board, providing proof of graduation and
20 submitting three character or professional references;

21 2. Graduating from a surveying program of two (2) years or more
22 approved by the Board, providing proof of graduation and submitting
23 three character or professional references;

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1 3. Graduating from a program of two (2) years or more approved
2 by the Board which shall include the Board-approved core curriculum,
3 providing proof of graduation and submitting three character or
4 professional references; or

5 4. Completing sixty (60) college credit hours approved by the
6 Board which shall include the Board-approved core curriculum,
7 providing proof of successful completion of the required college
8 credit hours and submitting three character or professional
9 references.

10 B. Licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor. To be eligible
11 for licensure as a professional land surveyor, an individual shall
12 meet all of the following requirements:

13 1. Be of good character and reputation;

14 2. Satisfy the education and experience criteria set forth in
15 this section;

16 3. Pass the applicable examinations set forth in this section;
17 and

18 4. Submit five references acceptable to the Board, three of
19 which shall be professional land surveyors having personal knowledge
20 of the applicant's surveying experience.

21 C. Comity Licensure for a Professional Land Surveyor. The
22 following shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to
23 the Board that the applicant is qualified for licensure by comity as
24 a professional land surveyor:

1 An individual holding a certificate of licensure to engage in
2 the practice of land surveying issued by a proper authority of any
3 state or jurisdiction, based on requirements that do not conflict
4 with the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes, and possessing credentials that are, in the
6 judgment of the Board, of a standard not lower than that specified
7 in the applicable licensure act in effect in this state at the time
8 such certificate was issued may, upon application, which may include
9 a Council Record with NCEES, be licensed upon passing an examination
10 or examinations of such duration as established by the Board, which
11 shall include questions on laws, procedures and practices pertaining
12 to land surveying in Oklahoma.

13 D. Initial Licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor. An
14 individual meeting the education requirements pursuant to subsection
15 A of this section for a land surveyor intern shall meet the
16 following land surveying experience requirements as described in
17 Board rules, which shall include combined office and field
18 experience satisfactory to the Board on projects of a grade and
19 character which indicate to the Board the applicant may be competent
20 to practice land surveying:

21 1. An individual meeting the experience requirements in
22 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section: four (4) years of total
23 experience including two (2) years which shall follow the date of
24 the conferment of the degree; or

1 2. An individual meeting the experience requirements in
2 paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of subsection A of this section: six (6) years
3 of total experience.

4 Upon completion of the education and experience requirements,
5 passing the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination, the
6 NCEES Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination, and the
7 Oklahoma Law and Surveying (OLS) examination, the applicant shall be
8 licensed as a professional land surveyor, if otherwise qualified.

9 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 475.12c of Title 59, unless
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. "Professional Structural Engineer", "P.E., S.E.", or "S.E."
13 Professional engineer licensed in Oklahoma who were approved by the
14 Board to claim structural engineering, with or without an "S.E.", as
15 an area of competence prior to November 1, 2017, shall submit the
16 following by application and prescribed fees, if applicable, for
17 Board consideration as minimum evidence that the applicant is
18 qualified to use the title "Professional Structural Engineer",
19 "P.E., S.E.", "S.E.", or any similar variation using the "S.E."
20 designation and perform structural engineering analysis and design
21 services for significant structures:

22 1. Certified copies of all formal or informal disciplinary
23 actions taken against their professional engineer license in any
24 state or jurisdiction, if applicable; and

1 2. Proof of structural engineering experience by way of a list
2 of representative projects completed, or courses taught, as
3 described on Board-approved application forms, and three references
4 by licensed professional engineers having personal knowledge of and
5 verifying the applicant's structural engineering experience; and

6 3. Proof of structural engineering education, including ten
7 (10) professional development hours of continuing education related
8 to the technical aspects of structural engineering in the two (2)
9 years preceding the date of application, and original transcripts
10 submitted directly to the Board office from the university or
11 college showing coursework or degrees obtained since the individuals
12 original professional engineer application to the Board, if
13 applicable; or

14 4. Proof of successful completion of one of the following
15 structural engineering examination paths below:

16 a. the NCEES Structural I and Structural II exams taken
17 prior to January 1, 2011,

18 b. an equivalent sixteen-hour state-written examination
19 prior to January 1, 2004,

20 c. the NCEES Structural II exam plus an equivalent eight-
21 hour state-written structural examination prior to
22 January 1, 2011, or

23 d. the NCEES sixteen-hour S.E. examination taken after
24 January 1, 2011.

1 B. Professional engineers submitting proof pursuant to
2 paragraph 4 of subsection A of this section shall submit a properly
3 completed application form, including certified copies of all formal
4 or informal disciplinary actions taken against their professional
5 engineering license in any state or jurisdiction, if applicable, for
6 Board consideration as minimum evidence that the applicant is
7 qualified to use the title "Professional Structural Engineer",
8 "P.E., S.E.", "S.E.", or any similar variation using the "S.E."
9 designation and perform structural engineering analysis and design
10 services for significant structures.

11 C. Professional engineers licensed in Oklahoma who were
12 approved by the Board to claim structural engineering with an "S.E."
13 as an area of competence prior to November 1, 2017, who do not
14 submit an application form and prescribed fees, if applicable, for
15 Board consideration as minimum evidence that the applicant is
16 qualified to use the title "Professional Structural Engineer",
17 "P.E., S.E.", "S.E.", or any variation using the "S.E." designation
18 and perform structural engineering analysis and design services for
19 significant structures by October 31, 2019, shall be notified in
20 writing that their file will be amended to state structural
21 engineering without an "S.E." as their area of competence.

22 D. Comity applicants for a professional engineer license who
23 wish to also apply for authorization to use the title "Professional
24 Structural Engineer", "P.E., S.E.", "S.E.", or any variation using

1 the "S.E." designation and perform structural engineering analysis
2 and design services for significant structures who apply after
3 November 1, 2017, shall submit the following by application and
4 prescribed fees for Board consideration as minimum evidence that the
5 applicant is qualified:

6 1. Certified copies of all formal or informal disciplinary
7 actions taken against their professional engineer license in any
8 state or jurisdiction, if applicable;

9 2. Proof of structural engineering experience by way of a list
10 of representative projects completed, or courses taught, as
11 described on Board-approved application forms, and three references
12 by licensed professional engineers having personal knowledge of and
13 verifying the applicant's structural engineering experience;

14 3. Proof of structural engineering education, including ten
15 (10) professional development hours of continuing education related
16 to the technical aspects of structural engineering in the two (2)
17 years preceding the date of application, and original transcripts
18 submitted directly to the Board office from the university or
19 college showing coursework or degrees obtained since the
20 individual's original professional engineer application to the
21 Board, if applicable; and

22 4. Proof of successful completion of one of the following
23 structural engineering examination paths below:
24

- a. the NCEES Structural I and Structural II exams taken prior to January 1, 2011,
- b. an equivalent sixteen-hour state-written examination prior to 2004,
- c. the NCEES Structural II exam plus an equivalent eight-hour state-written structural examination prior to January 1, 2011, or
- d. the NCEES sixteen-hour S.E. Examination taken after January 1, 2011.

E. Initial applicants for a professional engineer license who wish to also apply for authorization to use the title "Professional Structural Engineer", "P.E., S.E.", "S.E.", or any variation using the "S.E." designation and to perform structural engineering analysis and design services for significant structures who apply after November 1, 2017, and before October 31, 2019, shall submit the following by application and prescribed fees for Board consideration as minimum evidence that the applicant is qualified, in addition to all requirements in Section 475.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

1. Proof of structural engineering experience by way of a list of representative projects completed, or courses taught, as described on Board-approved application forms, and three references by licensed professional engineers having personal knowledge of and verifying the applicant's structural engineering experience; and

1 2. Proof of structural engineering education and original
2 transcripts submitted directly to the Board office from the
3 university or college showing coursework or degrees obtained.

4 F. Beginning November 1, 2020, the following shall be
5 considered as minimum evidence for all applicants who wish to apply
6 to the Board for authorization that the applicant is qualified to
7 use the title "Professional Structural Engineer", "P.E., S.E.",
8 "S.E.", or any variation using the "S.E." designation and to perform
9 structural engineering analysis and design services for significant
10 structures:

11 1. Holds a professional engineer license in good standing in
12 the State of Oklahoma;

13 2. Successfully completed at least one of the following
14 structural engineering examination paths:

15 a. the NCEES Structural I and Structural II exams taken
16 prior to January 1, 2011,

17 b. an equivalent sixteen-hour state-written examination
18 prior to January 1, 2004,

19 c. the NCEES Structural II exam plus an equivalent eight-
20 hour state-written structural examination prior to
21 January 1, 2011, or

22 d. the NCEES sixteen-hour S.E. Examination taken after
23 January 1, 2011; and
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1 3. The record of experience supplied to the Board and verified
2 by reference indicates structural engineering projects or teaching
3 experience equivalent to the years of experience required in
4 paragraph 4 of subsection D of Section 9 of this act, according to
5 the education degree program completed by the applicant.

6 G. Professional engineers who have indicated in their official
7 board records that they have competence in structural engineering
8 may offer and perform structural engineering services and use the
9 term structural engineer or structural engineering to describe their
10 qualifications or services. However, only licensed professional
11 engineers who have been authorized by this Board to do so may use
12 the title "Professional Structural Engineer", "P.E., S.E.", "S.E.",
13 or any title using the "S.E." designation and to perform structural
14 engineering analysis and design services for significant structures.

15 H. The Board may adopt rules defining significant structures
16 and establish standards of competence in structural engineering
17 analysis and design relating to seismic or other influences which
18 have a direct impact on the life, health, safety, property and
19 welfare of the public.

20 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.13, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 475.13. A. 1. Application for licensure as a
23 professional engineer or professional land surveyor or certification
24 as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern shall be on a form

1 prescribed and furnished by the Board. It shall contain statements
2 made under oath, showing the applicant's education and a detailed
3 summary of technical and engineering or land surveying experience
4 and shall include the names and complete mailing addresses of the
5 references, none of whom may be members of the Board or immediate
6 family members of the applicant.

7 2. The Board may accept the certified information contained in
8 a valid council record issued by the National Council of Examiners
9 for Engineering and Surveying for professional engineer or
10 professional land surveyor applicants in lieu of the same
11 information that is required on the form prescribed and furnished by
12 the Board.

13 B. 1. The application fees shall be established by Board
14 rules.

15 2. The certification fee for a firm shall be established by
16 Board rules.

17 3. Should the Board deny the issuance of a certificate of
18 licensure to any applicant, including the application of a firm for
19 a certificate of authorization, the fee shall be retained as an
20 application fee.

21 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.14, as
22 amended by Section 5, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
23 Section 475.14), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 475.14. A. ~~The examination~~ Examinations shall be held
2 at such times and places as the Board directs.

3 B. Examinations may be taken only after the applicant has met
4 other minimum requirements as set forth in ~~Section 475.12~~ Sections
5 9, 10 and 11 of this ~~title act~~, and has been authorized to seek
6 admission through NCEES or approved by the Board for admission to
7 one or more of the following examinations:

- 8 1. Fundamentals of Engineering;
- 9 2. Principles and Practice of Engineering;
- 10 3. Structural Engineering;
- 11 4. Fundamentals of Surveying;
- 12 ~~4.~~ 5. Principles and Practice of Surveying;
- 13 ~~5.~~ 6. Oklahoma Law and Surveying; and
- 14 ~~6.~~ 7. Oklahoma Law and Engineering.

15 C. A candidate failing an examination may apply for the next
16 available examination, as prescribed by NCEES policies and
17 procedures, which may be granted upon payment of an application fee
18 established by the Board if applicable.

19 D. The applicant shall pay all fees established by the Board
20 for examination documents and grading. The required fees shall be
21 paid by the applicant in advance of the examination.

22 E. The Board may prepare and adopt specifications for the
23 examinations in engineering and land surveying. They shall be made
24 available to the public and to any person interested in being

1 licensed as a professional engineer or as a professional land
2 surveyor.

3 F. For any examination that is administered by NCEES using
4 computer-based testing, a candidate shall only be admitted pursuant
5 to Board policy and administered the examination during a specified
6 time period as frequently as prescribed by NCEES policies and
7 procedures.

8 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.15, as
9 amended by Section 6, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
10 Section 475.15), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 475.15. A. The Board shall issue to any applicant who,
12 in the opinion of the Board, has met the requirements of Section
13 475.1 et seq. of this title, a certificate of licensure giving the
14 licensee proper authority to practice in this state. The
15 certificate of licensure for a professional engineer shall carry the
16 designation "Professional Engineer" and for a professional land
17 surveyor, "Professional Land Surveyor". It shall give the full name
18 of the licensee with the licensure number and shall be signed by the
19 Chair and the Secretary under the seal of the Board.

20 B. This certificate shall be prima facie evidence that the
21 person named thereon is entitled to all rights, privileges and
22 responsibilities of a professional engineer or professional land
23 surveyor, while the certificate remains unrevoked and unexpired.

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1 C. Each licensee hereunder may, upon licensure, obtain a seal,
2 the design and use of which are described in Board rules. It shall
3 be unlawful for a licensee to affix, or permit his or her seal or
4 signature to be affixed, to any document after the expiration or
5 revocation of a license, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting
6 any other person to evade or attempt to evade any provision of
7 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. Whenever the seal is applied,
8 the document must be signed by the licensee thereby certifying that
9 he or she is competent in the subject matter and was in responsible
10 charge of the work product. Documents must be sealed and signed in
11 accordance with the Board rules whenever presented to a client, a
12 user or any public or governmental agency. Whenever the seal is
13 applied, the signature of the licensee and date of signature shall
14 be placed adjacent to or across the seal. Drawings, reports or
15 documents that are signed using a digital or electronic signature
16 must be done in a manner that is in direct control and personal
17 supervision of the professional engineer or professional land
18 surveyor and must conform to the specifications in the Board rules
19 regarding digital or electronic signatures.

20 D. A professional engineer, professional land surveyor or firm
21 shall retain a hard copy or electronic copy of all technical
22 submissions produced for a minimum of ten (10) years following the
23 date of preparation.

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1 ~~D.~~ E. The Board shall issue to any applicant who, in the
2 opinion of the Board, has met the requirements of Section 475.1 et
3 seq. of this title, a certificate as an engineer intern or land
4 surveyor intern which indicates that his or her name has been
5 recorded as such in the Board office. The engineer intern or land
6 surveyor intern certificate does not authorize the holder to
7 practice as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor.

8 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.16, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 475.16. A. The Board shall issue certificates of
11 licensure and certificates of authorization for firms for a term of
12 twenty-four (24) months.

13 B. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to notify
14 every person licensed under Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, and
15 every firm holding a certificate of authorization under Section
16 475.1 et seq. of this title, of the date of the expiration of ~~said~~
17 the certificate of licensure or certificate of authorization, and
18 the amount of the fee required for its renewal. ~~Such notice shall~~
19 ~~be mailed to the licensee or firm at the last-known address as shown~~
20 ~~in the records of the Board at least one (1) month in advance of the~~
21 ~~date of the expiration of the certificate.~~

22 C. Renewal may be ~~affected~~ effected at any time prior to or
23 during the month of expiration by the payment of a fee as
24 established by the Board. Renewal of an expired certificate may be

1 ~~affected~~ effected under rules promulgated by the Board regarding
2 requirements for reexamination and penalty fees.

3 D. If a licensee is granted inactive status, the licensee may
4 return to active status by notifying the Board in advance of his or
5 her intention, by paying appropriate fees and by meeting all
6 requirements of the Board, including demonstration of continuing
7 professional competency as a condition of reinstatement.

8 E. Every licensee is required to comply with the Board's rules
9 regarding continuing education or meet the Model NCEES Continuing
10 Professional Competency standard requirement, which is equivalent to
11 fifteen (15) professional development hours per calendar year with
12 no allowable carryover, as a condition of license renewal.

13 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.18, as
14 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 183, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp.
15 2016, Section 475.18), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 475.18. A. As provided in subsections A and B of
17 Section 475.8 of this title, the Board shall have the power to deny,
18 place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a certificate
19 or license, or fine, reprimand, issue orders, levy administrative
20 fines or seek other penalties, if a person or entity is found guilty
21 of:

22 1. ~~The practice of any~~ Any fraud or deceit in obtaining or
23 attempting to obtain or renew a certificate of licensure, or a
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1 certificate of authorization or in taking the examinations
2 administered by the Board or its authorized representatives;

3 2. Any fraud, misrepresentation, gross negligence, gross
4 incompetence, misconduct or dishonest practice, in the practice of
5 engineering or land surveying;

6 3. Conviction of or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo
7 contendere to a felony crime that substantially relates to the
8 practice of engineering or land surveying or poses a reasonable
9 threat to public safety; or conviction of or entry of a plea of
10 guilty or nolo contendere to a misdemeanor, an essential element of
11 which is dishonesty or is a violation of the practice of engineering
12 or land surveying;

13 4. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Section
14 475.1 et seq. of this title or any of the rules or regulations
15 pertaining thereto;

16 5. ~~Violation of the laws or rules of~~ Disciplinary action,
17 including voluntary surrender of a professional engineer's or
18 professional land surveyor's license in order to avoid disciplinary
19 action by another state, territory, the District of Columbia, a
20 foreign country, the United States government, or any other
21 governmental agency, if at least one of the ~~violations~~ grounds for
22 discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to those
23 contained in this section;

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1 6. Failure, within thirty (30) days, to provide information
2 requested by the Board or its designated staff as a result of a
3 formal or informal complaint to the Board which would indicate a
4 violation of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title;

5 7. Knowingly making false statements or signing false
6 statements, certificates or affidavits;

7 8. Aiding or assisting another person or entity in violating
8 any provision of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title or the rules or
9 regulations pertaining thereto;

10 9. Violation of any terms imposed by the Board, or using a seal
11 or practicing professional engineering or professional land
12 surveying while the professional engineer's license or professional
13 land surveyor's license is suspended, revoked, nonrenewed, retired
14 or inactive;

15 10. Signing, affixing the professional engineer's or
16 professional land surveyor's seal, or permitting the professional
17 engineer's or professional land surveyor's seal or signature to be
18 affixed to any specifications, reports, drawings, plans, design
19 information, construction documents, calculations, other documents,
20 or revisions thereof, which have not been prepared by, or under the
21 direct control and personal supervision of the professional engineer
22 or professional land surveyor in responsible charge;

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1 11. Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional
2 conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud ~~or~~, harm or
3 endanger the public;

4 12. Providing false testimony or information to the Board;

5 13. Habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of alcohol or
6 to the illegal use of a controlled dangerous substance;

7 14. Performing engineering or surveying services outside any of
8 the licensee's areas of competence or areas of competence designated
9 in the official Board records; and

10 15. Violating the Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice
11 of Land Surveying; and

12 16. Failing to obtain the required professional development
13 hours, as approved by the Board, Board staff or Continuing Education
14 Committee as required by an audit.

15 B. The Board shall prepare and adopt Rules of Professional
16 Conduct for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors
17 as provided for in Section 475.8 of this title, which shall be made
18 available in writing to every licensee and applicant for licensure
19 under Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board may revise and
20 amend these Rules of Professional Conduct for Professional Engineers
21 and Professional Land Surveyors ~~from time to time~~ and shall notify
22 each licensee, in writing, of such revisions or amendments.

23 C. Principals of a firm who do not obtain a certificate or
24 authorization for the firm as required by Section 475.1 et seq. of

1 this title may be subject to disciplinary action ~~of individual~~
2 ~~licensure.~~

3 D. As used in this section:

4 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
5 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
6 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
7 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

8 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
9 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
10 of harm against another ~~and~~ or has a bearing on the fitness or
11 ability to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

12 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.19, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 475.19. A. ~~Any person may bring allegations of~~
15 ~~violations of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title against any~~
16 ~~person, licensee, or against any firm~~ Investigations and inquiries
17 concerning the professional licensed activities of licensees, or any
18 person or entity who may be in violation of the Board's statutes and
19 rules, may be initiated pursuant to the request of the Investigative
20 Committee or the public. In the event of such an investigation, all
21 licensees have a duty to provide all information requested by the
22 Board within thirty (30) days or a later time if agreed to by the
23 licensee and the Board. All allegations shall be timely
24 investigated by the Board and, unless determined unfounded or

1 trivial by the Board, or unless settled by mutual accord, shall be
2 filed as a formal ~~complaints~~ notice of charges by the Board.

3 B. The time and place for ~~said~~ the hearing shall be fixed by
4 the Board, and a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the
5 time and place of hearing, shall be personally served on or mailed
6 to the last-known address of such person, licensee, or entity, at
7 least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for the hearing. At
8 any hearing, the accused shall have the right to appear in person or
9 by counsel, or both, to cross-examine witnesses in their defense,
10 and to produce evidence and witnesses in their own defense. If the
11 accused fails or refuses to appear, the Board may proceed to hear
12 and determine the validity of the charges.

13 C. If, after such hearing, a majority of the quorum of the
14 empaneled Board vote in favor of sustaining any one or more of the
15 charges, the Board shall reprimand, fine for each count or separate
16 offense, levy administrative penalties pursuant to Section 475.20 of
17 this title, place on probation for a period of time and subject to
18 such conditions as the Board may specify, refuse to issue, restore,
19 renew, suspend or revoke the individual's certificate of licensure,
20 or the firm's certificate of authorization.

21 D. Any ~~person, licensee, or firm,~~ named respondent aggrieved by
22 any action of the Board in levying a fine, denying, suspending,
23 refusing to issue, restore or renew or revoking the certificate of
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1 licensure of the person, or its certificate of authorization, may
2 appeal therefrom to the proper court under normal civil procedures.

3 E. The Board may, upon petition of an individual licensee or
4 firm holding a certificate of authorization, reissue a certificate
5 of licensure or authorization, provided that a majority of the
6 members of the Board vote in favor of such issuance.

7 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.20, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 475.20. A. Criminal penalties:

10 Any person or entity who practices, or offers to practice,
11 engineering or land surveying in this state without being licensed
12 by the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land
13 Surveyors in accordance with the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq.
14 of this title, or any person or entity using or employing the words
15 "engineer" or "engineering" or "land surveyor" or "land surveying"
16 or any modification or derivative thereof in its name or form of
17 business or activity except as authorized in Section 475.1 et seq.
18 of this title, or any person presenting or attempting to use the
19 certificate of licensure or the seal of another, or any person who
20 ~~shall give~~ gives false or forged evidence of any kind to the Board
21 or to any member thereof in obtaining or attempting to obtain a
22 certificate of licensure, or any person who ~~shall~~ falsely
23 ~~impersonate~~ impersonates any other licensee of like or different
24 name, or any person who ~~shall attempt~~ attempts to use an expired,

1 suspended, revoked, or nonexistent certificate of licensure, or who
2 ~~shall practice~~ practices or ~~offer~~ offers to practice when not
3 qualified, or any person who falsely claims to be registered or
4 licensed under Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, or any person
5 who ~~shall violate~~ violates any of the provisions of Section 475.1 et
6 seq. of this title, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by
7 a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), nor
8 more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

9 B. Administrative penalties:

10 1. Any person or entity who has been determined by the Board to
11 have violated any provision of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title,
12 or any rule, regulation or order issued pursuant to such provisions,
13 may be liable for an administrative penalty of not less than Two
14 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars
15 (\$10,000.00) for each separate violation.

16 2. The amount of the penalty shall be assessed by the Board
17 pursuant to the provisions of ~~subsection~~ paragraph 1 of this ~~section~~
18 subsection, after notice and hearing. In determining the amount of
19 the penalty, the Board shall include, but not be limited to,
20 consideration of the nature, circumstances and gravity of the
21 violation, and with respect to the person or entity found to have
22 committed the violation, the degree of culpability, the effect on
23 ability of the person or entity to continue to do business and any
24 show of good faith in attempting to achieve compliance with the

1 provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. All monies
2 collected from administrative penalties shall be deposited with the
3 State Treasurer and placed in the "Professional Engineers and Land
4 Surveyors Fund".

5 3. Any certificate of licensure or certificate of authorization
6 holder may ~~elect~~ request to surrender the certificate of licensure
7 or certificate of authorization in lieu of an administrative action,
8 but shall be permanently barred from obtaining a reissuance of the
9 certificate of ~~registration~~ licensure or certificate of
10 authorization. All such requests shall be presented to the Board
11 for approval.

12 C. Legal Counsel:

13 The Attorney General of this state or an assistant shall act as
14 legal advisor to the Board and render such legal assistance as may
15 be necessary in carrying out the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq.
16 of this title. The Board may employ counsel ~~and~~ whose compensation
17 and expenses shall be paid from Board funds for necessary legal
18 assistance to aid in the enforcement of ~~such provisions, and the~~
19 ~~compensation and expenses therefor shall be paid from funds of the~~
20 ~~Board~~ and carrying out the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of
21 this title.

22 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.21, as
23 amended by Section 8, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
24 Section 475.21), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 475.21. A. The practice of or offer to practice
2 engineering or land surveying by firms authorized under Section
3 475.1 et seq. of this title, or by more than one person acting
4 individually through a firm, is permitted provided:

5 1. The person(s) in responsible charge of such practice and all
6 personnel who act in behalf of ~~said~~ the firm in professional
7 engineering and land surveying matters in this state are licensed
8 under Section 475.1 et seq. of this title; and

9 2. ~~Said~~ The firm has been issued a certificate of authorization
10 by the Board.

11 B. An engineering or land surveying firm ~~desiring~~ requiring a
12 certificate of authorization shall file with the Board an
13 application, using a form provided by the Board, and provide all the
14 information required by the Board. The Board shall prescribe a form
15 to be filed with the renewal fee and which shall be updated within
16 thirty (30) days of the time any information contained on the form
17 is changed or differs for any reason. If, in the Board's judgment,
18 the information contained on the form warrants such action, the
19 Board shall issue a certificate of authorization for ~~said~~ the firm
20 to practice engineering and/or land surveying.

21 No such firm shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct
22 or acts of its agents, employees, officers or partners by reason of
23 its compliance with the provisions of this section. No individual
24 practicing engineering or land surveying, pursuant to the provisions

1 of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, shall be relieved of
2 responsibility for engineering or land surveying services performed
3 by reason of employment or other relationship with a firm holding a
4 certificate of authorization.

5 C. The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of
6 incorporation to an applicant, approve for filing articles of
7 organization for a limited liability company, approve for filing a
8 certificate of limited partnership or accept a registration as a
9 foreign firm to a firm which includes in the firm's name or among
10 the objectives for which it is established any of the words
11 "Engineer", "Engineering", "Surveyor", "Land Surveying" or any
12 modification or derivation thereof unless the Board(s) of Licensure
13 for these professions has issued for ~~said~~ the applicant a
14 certificate of authorization or a letter indicating the eligibility
15 of such applicant to receive such a certificate. The firm applying
16 shall supply such certificate or letter from the Board with its
17 application for incorporation or registration.

18 D. The Secretary of State shall decline to register any trade
19 name or service mark which includes such words, as set forth in
20 subsection C of this section, or modifications or derivatives
21 thereof in its firm name or logotype except those firms holding
22 certificates of authorization issued under the provisions of this
23 section.

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1 E. The certificate of authorization shall be renewed as
2 hereinbefore provided in Section 475.16 of this title.

3 ~~F. An engineer or land surveyor designated in responsible~~
4 ~~charge of the professional activities of a firm for the purposes of~~
5 ~~this section shall be a full-time employee of the firm. A licensee~~
6 ~~who performs only part-time, occasional, or consulting services for~~
7 ~~a firm shall not qualify as a person designated in responsible~~
8 ~~charge~~ Effective November 1, 2017, all firms applying for a
9 certificate of authorization shall designate a managing agent.

10 Managing agent. A firm offering either engineering or surveying
11 services shall designate an engineer or surveyor, respectively, to
12 be the managing agent for the firm. A firm offering both
13 engineering and land surveying services must have a licensed
14 professional engineer and licensed professional land surveyor listed
15 as managing agent. A licensee may not be designated as a managing
16 agent for more than one firm without prior Board approval. The
17 managing agent must hold a position of recognized authority within
18 the firm to be designated as the managing agent. In the case of a
19 corporation, a licensee must be an officer, principal, director or
20 shareholder of the firm to be designated as the managing agent. In
21 the case of a limited liability company or limited liability
22 partnership, the licensee must be a member of the firm to be
23 designated as the managing agent. In the case of a limited
24 partnership, the licensee must be a general partner of the firm to

1 be designated as the managing agent. In the case of a partnership,
2 the licensee must be an owner of the firm to be designated as the
3 managing agent. If the ownership is less than fifty percent (50%)
4 ownership, an explanation must be included as to the extent of
5 authority this partner holds regarding engineering or surveying
6 decisions, respectively, as it pertains to paragraphs 1 through 3 of
7 this subsection. A licensee who is a full-time employee of a firm
8 and holds a position of recognized authority within the firm but
9 does not hold one of the above-stated titles may request Board
10 approval to be named the managing agent by submitting a letter to
11 the Board on firm letterhead signed by a person within the firm
12 holding one of the above-stated titles, describing the special
13 circumstances surrounding the requested exception and the extent of
14 authority this employee holds regarding engineering or surveying
15 decisions, respectively, as it pertains to paragraphs 1 through 3 of
16 this subsection. A licensee who is self-employed, an independent
17 contractor or who renders consulting engineering or surveying
18 services to, or for, a firm shall not be designated as a managing
19 agent. Firms holding a certificate of authorization with this Board
20 prior to November 1, 2017, must be in compliance with this provision
21 of law by November 1, 2019. The managing agent's responsibilities
22 include:

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1 1. Renewal of the firm's certificate of authorization and
2 notification to the Board of any change in managing agent or firm's
3 contact information;

4 2. Overall administrative supervision of the firm's licensed
5 and subordinate personnel performing engineering or surveying work
6 in Oklahoma; and

7 3. Institution and adherence of policies of the firm that are
8 in accordance with Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, Section 3-
9 116 et seq. of Title 65 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the rules of
10 the Board.

11 G. Out-of-state firms authorized to offer or perform
12 professional engineering or professional land surveying services in
13 Oklahoma may have one or more branch offices located in Oklahoma
14 only if the firm has a professional engineer or professional land
15 surveyor, respectively, ~~designated responsible and in charge of the~~
16 ~~firm's professional practice~~ as the managing agent in this state
17 Oklahoma. The professional engineer or professional land surveyor
18 designated for this purpose shall be required to spend a majority of
19 normal business hours at one or more branch offices located in
20 Oklahoma and be duly licensed as a professional engineer or
21 professional land surveyor, respectively, in this state. The
22 professional engineer or professional land surveyor designated
23 managing agent shall be responsible for:

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1 1. Maintaining and renewal of the firm's certificate of
2 authorization and notification to the Board of any change in
3 managing agent or firm's contact information;

4 2. Overall administrative supervision of the firm's licensed
5 and subordinate personnel who provide the engineering work in this
6 state; and

7 3. The institution of and adherence to policies of the firm
8 that shall be in accordance with ~~the Rules of Professional Conduct~~
9 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, Section 3-116 et seq. of Title
10 65 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the rules promulgated by the Board.

11 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.22, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 475.22. Section 475.1 et seq. of this title shall not
14 be construed to prevent:

15 1. Other professions. The practice of any other legally
16 recognized profession;

17 2. Temporary ~~permit~~ license:

18 a. Professional engineer. The practice or offer to
19 practice engineering by a person not a resident of or
20 having no established place of business in this state
21 is allowed; provided, such person is legally qualified
22 by licensure to practice engineering, as defined in
23 Section 475.2 of this title, in the applicant's ~~own~~
24 resident state or ~~country~~ jurisdiction and who has

1 made application for licensure to this Board. Such
2 person shall make application for temporary ~~permit~~
3 license to the Board, in ~~writing, and after~~ a manner
4 prescribed by the Board. After payment of a temporary
5 ~~permit license~~ fee ~~may be granted,~~ a written ~~permit~~
6 license may be granted to perform a particular job for
7 a definite period of time, to expire at the earliest
8 ~~of the~~ issuance of a professional engineering license
9 by this Board, ~~the rejection of the application for~~
10 ~~licensure or a time limit stated in the temporary~~
11 ~~permit; provided, however, no.~~ Further, such person
12 shall not have been disciplined in any jurisdiction by
13 a Board of licensure for engineering, land surveying
14 or architecture, and shall not have been convicted in
15 any jurisdiction of a felony. Further, such person
16 shall submit a complete permanent professional
17 engineer application to the Board within thirty (30)
18 days of the date of issuance of the temporary license
19 with all required properly completed forms and fees.
20 Failure to submit a permanent professional engineer
21 application for Board consideration within the
22 designated thirty-day time period may be considered a
23 violation of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title and
24 Board rules. No right to practice engineering shall

1 accrue to such applicant by reason of a temporary
2 ~~permit~~ license for any works not set forth in ~~said~~
3 ~~permit~~ the license, and

4 b. Professional land surveyor. The practice of land
5 surveying under a temporary permit by a person
6 licensed as a professional land surveyor in another
7 state is not considered to be in the best interest of
8 the public and therefore shall not be granted;

9 3. Employees and subordinates. The work of an employee or a
10 subordinate of a person holding a certificate of licensure under
11 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title, or an employee of a person
12 practicing lawfully under paragraph 2 of this section is allowed;
13 provided, such work does not include final engineering or land
14 surveying designs or decisions and is done under the direct
15 supervision of and verified by a person holding a certificate of
16 licensure under Section 475.1 et seq. of this title or a person
17 practicing lawfully under paragraph 2 of this section; ~~and~~

18 4. Material takeoff. Providing a list of material derived from
19 measuring and interpreting a set of blueprints or plans, otherwise
20 known as a "material takeoff" or advising a person on such a
21 "material takeoff" shall not constitute the practice of engineering;
22 and

23 5. A person shall not be construed to practice or offer to
24 practice land surveying, within the meaning and intent of Section

1 475.1 et seq. of this title, who merely acts as an agent of a
2 purchaser of land surveying services. Agents of a purchaser of land
3 surveying services include, but are not limited to, real estate
4 agents and brokers, title companies, attorneys providing title
5 examination services, and persons who or firms that coordinate the
6 acquisition and use of land surveying services. The coordination of
7 land surveying services includes, but is not limited to, sales and
8 marketing of services, discussion of requirements of land surveys,
9 contracting to furnish land surveys, review of land surveys, the
10 requesting of revisions of land surveys, and making any and all
11 modifications to surveys with the written consent of the
12 professional land surveyor, and furnishing final revised copies to
13 the professional land surveyor showing all revisions, the
14 distribution of land surveys and receiving payment for such
15 services. These actions do not constitute the practice of land
16 surveying, and do not violate any part of Sections 475.1 through
17 475.22a of this title or the bylaws and rules of the Board.

18 SECTION 21. REPEALER 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.12, as
19 amended by Section 4, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
20 Section 475.12), is hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 22. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
23 April 12, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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