



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 724**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2304**

**By Bell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2520

By Cobb, Shipley, Rich

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 62, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to the board of examiners for architects and engineers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-232(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (61) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-237(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Board of examiners for architects and engineers, created by § 62-2-201;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-201(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) The board shall include, where possible, at least one (1) female and at least one (1) member of a racial minority.

(2) This board shall consist of eight (8) members to be appointed by the governor, three (3) to be registered architects who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested architect groups including, but not limited to, the representative professional architects of the state, three (3) to be registered engineers who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested engineering groups including, but not limited to, the representative professional engineering society of the state, one (1) to be a registered landscape architect who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested landscape architect groups including, but not limited to, the representative professional landscape architecture society of the state, and one (1) to be a registered interior designer who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested interior design groups including, but not limited to, the representative professional interior design society of the state. The governor shall consult with interested statewide architect, engineering, landscape architect, and interior design groups including, but not limited to, the professional societies listed in this subdivision to determine qualified persons to fill the positions. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the appointment of the public member of the board.

(3) In the event of a vacancy on the board for any reason and the governor failing to appoint a successor within three (3) months after the vacancy occurs, the board is empowered to fill that vacancy from the lists of qualified persons submitted by the interested groups including, but not limited to, the respective societies, until the governor makes an appointment as provided in subdivision (a)(2).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-201(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) In addition to members serving on the board under the authority of subsections (a) and (b), the board shall also include as associate members three (3) registered engineers, who may be appointed by the governor from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested engineering groups including, but not limited to, the representative professional engineering society of the state. The governor shall consult with such interested engineering groups to determine qualified persons to fill the positions.

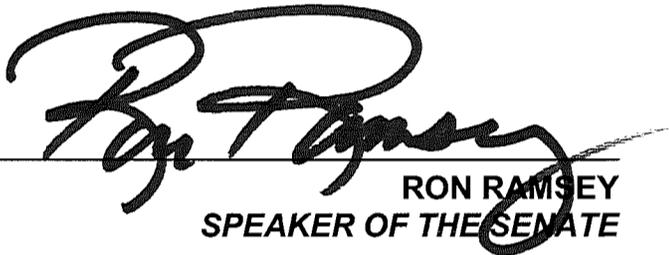
SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-202, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The members of the board appointed under § 62-2-201(a) shall each have had at least ten (10) years' experience in the practice of architecture as a registered architect, ten (10) years' experience in the practice of engineering as a registered engineer, ten (10) years' experience in the practice of interior design as a registered interior designer or ten (10) years' experience in the practice of landscape architecture as a registered landscape architect, with no record of any formal disciplinary action. Such members shall each have been in responsible charge of work for at least five (5) years, and shall each have demonstrated an interest in improving the profession by involvement in a statewide association directly related to their profession for at least five (5) years. Each member shall be a citizen of the United States and shall have been a resident of Tennessee for five (5) years at the time of appointment. The ten-year requirement of experience as a registered practitioner shall not apply to the registered interior designer member until January 1, 2014; provided, however, that the member shall have been a registered interior designer for five (5) years and shall have ten (10) years' experience as an interior designer.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 28, 2012

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR