



TBPELS Proposes Amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors proposes amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code (Board Rules) to implement legislation passed during the 89th Legislative Session (2025).

This page is a plain language summary of TBPELS rulemaking to comply with Texas Government Code §2001.023. This page is only a summary. To review the full rule proposal, see the [*October 17, 2025 issue of the Texas Register*](#).

Any public comments on the proposed rules may be submitted to rules@pels.texas.gov through November 16, 2025.

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Chapter 131 – Organization and Administration

Subchapter B - Committees

§131.15 – Committees - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify that the Board can issue advisory opinions on the Texas Engineering Practice Act, the Professional Land Surveying Practices Act, or board rules.

Subchapter H - Engineering Advisory Opinions

§131.101 - Subject of an Advisory Opinion - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify that the Board can issue advisory opinions on the Texas Engineering Practice Act, the Professional Land Surveying Practices Act, or board rules.

§131.103 - Request for an Advisory Opinion – The proposed rule clarifies that advisory opinion requests but include the name of the requestor.

§131.107 - Receipt, Review, and Processing of a Request - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify that the Board can issue advisory opinions

on the Texas Engineering Practice Act, the Professional Land Surveying Practices Act, or board rules.

§131.109 - Compilation of Advisory Opinions - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify that the Board can issue advisory opinions on the Texas Engineering Practice Act, the Professional Land Surveying Practices Act, or board rules.

§131.111 - Time Period - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify that the Board can issue advisory opinions on the Texas Engineering Practice Act, the Professional Land Surveying Practices Act, or board rules.

Chapter 133 – Licensing for Engineers

Subchapter A – Engineer-in-Training

§133.3 - Engineer-in-Training Application and Certification - The proposed rule states that an applicant must take and pass the Fundamentals of Engineering exam as a requirement to apply for Engineer-in-Training certification.

Subchapter B – Professional Engineer Licenses

§133.11 - Types of Licenses - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Professional Engineer licenses to a two-year renewal.

Subchapter C – Professional Engineer License Application Requirements

§133.29 - Application for Temporary License for Military Spouses Who Are Licensed or Registered in Another State - The proposed rule implements changes required by House Bill 5629 and Senate Bill 1818 to provide expedited licensure for military service members, military veterans, or military spouses that are currently licensed in another jurisdiction.

Subchapter G – Examinations

§133.65 - Examination on the Fundamentals of Engineering - The proposed rule changes the format of the rule to match changes to the surveying rule §134.65 - Examination on the Fundamentals of Surveying.

Chapter 134 – Licensing, Registration, and Certification for Surveyors

Subchapter A – Surveyor-In-Training

§134.3 - Surveyor-in-Training Application and Certification - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 that allows applicants to take the Fundamentals of Surveying exam (FS) while gaining experience prior to becoming a Surveyor-in-Training (SIT).

Subchapter B – Professional Surveyor Registration

§134.11 - Types of Surveyor License and Registration - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Registered Professional Land Surveyor registrations to a two-year renewal.

Subchapter C – Land Surveyor Application Requirements

§134.29 - Application for Temporary License for Military Spouses Who Are Licensed or Registered in Another State - The proposed rule implements changes required by House Bill 5629 and Senate Bill 1818 to provide expedited registration for military service members, military veterans, or military spouses that are currently licensed in another jurisdiction.

Subchapter G – Examinations

§134.61 - Surveying Examinations Required for a Registration to Practice as a Professional Surveyor - The proposed rule changes a citation to the new title of §134.65 regarding the Texas Specific Surveying Examination.

§134.65 - Examination on the Fundamentals of Surveying - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify that there are no prerequisites to sit for the Fundamentals of Surveying exam.

§134.66 - Examination on the Principles and Practice of Surveying (New Rule) - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 and creates a new rule concerning the Principles and Practice of Surveying exam.

§134.67 - Examination on the Principles and Practice of Surveying (Including Retitling the Section to Texas Specific Surveying Examination) - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1259 to clarify the requirements for the Texas Specific Surveying Exam.

Subchapter H – Review Process of Applications and Registration Issuance

§134.87 - Final Action on Applications - The proposed rule adds a reference to the Texas Specific Surveying Exam.

Chapter 135 – Engineering Firm Registration

§135.1 – Authority – The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Engineering Firm registrations to a two-year renewal.

Chapter 136 – Surveying Firm Registration

§136.1 – Authority - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Surveying Firm registrations to a two-year renewal.

Chapter 137 – Compliance and Professionalism for Engineers

Subchapter A – Individual and Engineer Compliance

§137.7 - License Expiration and Renewal - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Professional Engineer licenses to a two-year renewal.

§137.9 - Renewal for Expired License - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Professional Engineer licenses to a two-year renewal.

§137.11 - Expiration and Licensed in Another Jurisdiction (Repeal) - The proposed language repeals the rule based on staff recommendations that this provision is not used.

§137.13 - Inactive Status - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Professional Engineer licenses to a two-year renewal.

§137.17 - Continuing Education - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Professional Engineer licenses to a two-year renewal.

Subchapter D – Firm and Governmental Entity Compliance

§137.75 - Registration Renewal and Expiration - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Engineering Firm registrations to a two-year renewal.

Chapter 138 – Compliance and Professionalism for Surveyors

Subchapter A – Individual and Surveyor Compliance

§138.7 - License or Registration Expiration and Renewal - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Registered Professional Land Surveyor registrations to a two-year renewal.

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Subchapter D – Firm and Governmental Entity Compliance

§138.75 - Registration Renewal and Expiration - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 681 to change Surveying Firm registrations to a two-year renewal.

Chapter 139 – Enforcement

Subchapter B – Complaint Process and Procedures

§139.22 Reporting Complaints Made Against Licenses Issued to Military Service Members, Military Veterans, or Military Spouses - The proposed rule implements changes required by House Bill 5629 to require the Board to keep a record of complaint made against a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse who was licensed by the process in Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 55.

Subchapter C – Enforcement Proceedings

§139.35 Sanctions and Penalties- Engineering – The proposed rule updates the sanction tables related to a licensed engineer imprisoned based on a felony conviction.

§139.37 Sanctions and Penalties- Surveying - The proposed rule updates the sanction tables related to a registered surveyor imprisoned based on a felony conviction.

Subchapter D – Special Disciplinary Provisions for License Holders

§139.43 License or Registration Holder with Criminal Conviction - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1080 to evaluate appropriate enforcement action against a registered surveyor imprisoned based on a felony conviction.

Chapter 140 – Criminal History and Convictions

§140.1 Criminal History and Convictions – Engineers - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1080 may issue a license to an applicant for a professional engineer license that is currently incarcerated on a case-by-case basis.

§140.3 Criminal History and Convictions – Surveyors - The proposed rule implements changes required by Senate Bill 1080 may issue a registration to an applicant for a professional land surveyor registration that is currently incarcerated on a case-by-case basis.