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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or  
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This is my second submittal. After reviewing the Executive Summary and Recommendations I would add the following.

I agree the complaint process is not working but in my opinion placing the Land Surveyors under the Board of Professional Engineers will not fix the problem but make it worse. In the early years of the Board engineers if they felt qualified could perform Boundary Surveys. In 1979 the Board was combined with the Licensed State Land Surveyors Board and public members were added. The year that followed several registered engineers were allowed to submit an application to obtain a Registered Professional Land Surveyors License. I was a member of this new board and active in reviewing these applications. After the year was over a registered engineer wishing to perform boundary surveyors is required to apply and then take the 16 hour exam. Having worked in the private sector and the public sector for over 50 years, mainly in the field of Land Surveying, I know that Registered Engineers unless they also have Surveying License know very little about Land Surveying. If the new combined board will only have one licensed surveyor the complaint process will not be improved but made worse.

As I stated in my other comments and recommendations Land Surveying in the State of Texas is very unique and the engineers of today cannot perform land boundary surveys.

Thanks

Robert

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: See my previous recommendations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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As a Registered Engineer and Registered Surveyor and former board member of the Surveying Board, 8 years, I do not agree with the agency's recommendation to combine the Surveyors with the Engineers. I was registered as a Surveyor in 1968 and an Engineer in 1972. I did not qualify to be a Surveyor because I was an Engineer. In fact in my field of Surveying I have dealt with Engineers for many years and the majority of them knew very little about surveying. To have only one surveyor serving on the combined board would not be in the best interest of citizens of Texas. I have a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, 1963, and did not learn surveying there. As for using a national exam this will not work. Texas land boundaries are very unique and very different from other states of the United States. As a member of the Surveying Board we prepared the exams and also graded the exams. I may before the 26th of November add more comments but for now I will study the Staff Report more. Thanks Robert

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

One of the problems facing the Registered Surveyors today in Texas is the decreasing number of licensed surveyors. I attribute this decline to prospective surveyors having to have a 4 year degree before they can apply to take the exam. I know of many young men and women working for surveyors at this time who would make great surveyors, but they do not have a 4 years degree and at their juncture in life cannot afford to obtain one. In our part of Texas if you obtain a 4 year degree with the qualification required by the law the last thing you want to do is start working for a surveyor for minimum salary. These people can find work in the various plants and construction companies making more than some surveyors who have been in the business for years.

If this part of the law was repealed we should see an increase in applicants and therefore more surveyors. If you check the average age of a registered surveyor in Texas is probably in the 60s. If you want me to testify before the Committee I would be glad to do so.

Thanks

Robert

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree