

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Issue 1

Key Elements of the Board's Statute Do Not Conform to Common Licensing Standards.

Change in Statute

- Rec. 1.1, Adopted** Remove an outdated requirement for applicants to attest they do not have a mental health diagnosis.
- Rec. 1.2, Adopted** Remove the unnecessary requirement that applicants submit a notarized, verified affidavit form.
- Rec. 1.3, Adopted** Remove specific deadlines from statute and require the Supreme Court to adopt deadlines and a schedule of late fees in rule.
- Rec. 1.4, Adopted** Require the board to develop guidelines to assist decision making for character and fitness determinations, probationary licenses, and waiver requests.
- Rec. 1.5, Adopted** Clearly authorize the board to delegate routine matters to the executive director and require related policies.

Issue 2

Texas Has a Continuing Need for the Board of Law Examiners.

Change in Statute

- Rec. 2.1, Adopted** Continue the Board of Law Examiners for 12 years.

Adopted New Issues

Board Member Terms

Amend statute to change the end date of board member terms from August 31 to May 31.

Update Across-the-Board Recommendation on Board Member Training

In the Board of Law Examiners' statute, update the Sunset across-the-board recommendation on board member training (ATB 5) recently modified by the Sunset Commission, excluding the subsections relating to rulemaking authority and travel reimbursement.