TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING

Issue 1

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Could More Effectively Regulate Land Surveying.

Change in Statute

Rec. 1.1, Adopted

Consolidate the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying with the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, creating the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Issue 2

Key Elements of the Agency's Licensing and Enforcement Functions Do Not Conform to Common Standards.

Change in Statute

Rec. 2.1, Adopted

Remove the residency requirement for licensed state land surveyors from statute.

Rec. 2.2, Adopted

Authorize the board to set biennial license and firm registration terms in rule.

Rec. 2.3, Adopted

Replace the board's exam advisory committees with general statutory authority to establish advisory committees.

Rec. 2.4, Adopted

Authorize the agency to outsource its exams.

Rec. 2.5, Adopted

Clarify statute to realign the agency's complaint intake and investigation procedures with model standards.

Management Action

Rec. 2.6, Adopted

Direct the board to review application requirements to conform with current policy and statute.

Rec. 2.7, Adopted

Direct the board to adopt a staggered renewal system for licenses and registrations.

Rec. 2.8, Adopted

Direct the board to conduct a comprehensive analysis regarding adoption of the nationally accepted practice exam and a separate, corresponding jurisprudence exam.

Rec. 2.9, Adopted

Direct the board to publish disciplinary history online.