

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 43-19.1-16.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to qualifications of land surveyor interns; to amend and reenact sections 43-19.1-16 and
3 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regulation of land surveyors and
4 land surveyor interns; to repeal section 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
5 to qualifications of land surveyor interns; and to provide an effective date.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-19.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **43-19.1-16. Registration - Professional land surveyor.**

10 ~~Any~~An individual who shows, to the satisfaction of the board, that the individual is otherwise
11 qualified and is over the age of eighteen years is eligible for registration as a professional land
12 surveyor, if the individual has passed a board-approved examination regarding state laws and
13 rules or other surveying issues specific to the state and:

- 14 1. ~~Holds a certificate of registration to engage in the practice of land surveying issued on~~
15 ~~the basis of a minimum sixteen-hour written examination by proper authority of a state,~~
16 ~~territory, possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign~~
17 ~~country, based on requirements and qualifications as shown by the individual's~~
18 ~~application which, in the opinion of the board, are equal to or higher than the~~
19 ~~requirements of this chapter;~~
- 20 2. ~~Has~~ Holds a baccalaureate degree in engineering or surveying from an institution that
21 ~~offers accredited programs approved by the board, followed by at least four years~~
22 ~~of certificate as a land surveying experience of a character satisfactory to surveyor~~
23 ~~intern issued by the board, who has passed a written examination of at least sixteen~~
24 ~~hours designed to show that the individual is qualified to practice land surveying; and:~~

- 1 a. In addition to experience that may be required to qualify for certification as a land
2 surveyor intern, completed at least four years of land surveying experience of a
3 character satisfactory to the board; and
- 4 b. Passed a board-approved written examination in the principles and practice of
5 land surveying; or
- 6 3. ~~Has at least eight years of active experience in land surveying of a character~~
7 ~~satisfactory to the board, and who has passed a written examination of at least sixteen~~
8 ~~hours designed to show that the individual is qualified to practice land surveying; or~~
- 9 4. ~~Is registered as a land surveyor by the state of North Dakota, under the provisions of~~
10 ~~former chapter 43-24, on the thirtieth day of June 1967.~~

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **43-19.1-16.1. Qualifications of land surveyor interns.**

- 14 1. Before July 1, 2028, an applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern may qualify
15 for certification by meeting the requirements of this section or section 43-19.1-16.2.
16 After June 30, 2028, a qualified applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern
17 must meet the requirements of section 43-19.1-16.2.
- 18 2. An applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern who has at least four years of
19 qualifying land surveying experience of a character satisfactory to the board, of which
20 a formal education in an accredited engineering or land surveying curriculum may
21 constitute a part thereof, may receive from the board, upon passing a written
22 examination on the fundamentals of mathematics and the basic principles of land
23 surveying, a certificate stating that the applicant has passed the examination and been
24 recorded as a land surveyor intern.

25 **SECTION 3.** Section 43-19.1-16.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
26 enacted as follows:

27 **43-19.1-16.2. Qualifications of land surveyor interns.**

28 The board shall certify as a land surveyor intern an otherwise qualified applicant who has
29 passed a board-approved written examination on the fundamentals of mathematics and the
30 basic principles of land surveying and:

- 1 1. Has a baccalaureate degree in land surveying from an institution that offers board-
2 approved accredited programs;
- 3 2. Has a baccalaureate degree in a board-approved program other than land surveying
4 and:
 - 5 a. Has board-approved educational training in land surveying in connection with the
6 baccalaureate degree or other program; and
 - 7 b. Has at least two years of qualifying land surveying experience of a character
8 satisfactory to the board;
- 9 3. Has an associate degree in land surveying from a board-approved program and has at
10 least two years of qualifying land surveying experience of a character satisfactory to
11 the board; or
- 12 4. Has a certificate in land surveying from an institution that offers a board-approved
13 program and has at least four years of qualifying land surveying experience of a
14 character satisfactory to the board.

15 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

16 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 4 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2028.