

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Texas Occupations Code, empowers the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) to adopt rules regarding who qualifies to sit for the interior design registration examination. That examination is given by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification. It is the examination used throughout the country for interior design certification. Current TBAE rules prohibit otherwise eligible Texans with an associate's degree in interior design from sitting for the registration examination.

As proposed, S.B. 1932 amends current law relating to eligibility requirements for registration as an interior designer.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1053.155(b)(1), Occupations Code, to require that an application for admission to the registration examination be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) that the applicant has satisfied the educational and experience eligibility requirements for taking the examination of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification or a comparable examination, rather than graduated from an interior design educational program recognized and approved by TBAE.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.