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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1431**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hill**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Sections 6710, 6711, 6712, ~~and 7801~~ 7801, and 8706 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to geologists and geophysicists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1431, as amended, Hill. Geologists and geophysicists.

Existing law establishes in the Department of Consumer Affairs a Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, consisting of 13 members. Existing law requires that membership to include 5 engineers, one land surveyor, and 7 public members. Existing law requires the Governor to appoint 5 of the public members and all of the professional members. The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly are required to each appoint a public member.

Existing law requires the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to administer the Geologists and Geophysicists Act.

This bill would rename the board as the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. The bill would change the

membership of the board to 15 to include a professional member licensed under the Geologists and Geophysicists Act and an additional public member, to be appointed by the Governor. The bill would make conforming changes to related provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 6710 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 6710. (a) There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs a  
4 Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists,  
5 which consists of 15 members.

6 (b) Any reference in any law or regulation to the Board of  
7 Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, or  
8 the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, is  
9 deemed to refer to the Board for Professional Engineers, Land  
10 Surveyors, and Geologists.

11 (c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2011, and,  
12 as of January 1, 2012, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
13 that becomes effective on or before January 1, 2012, deletes or  
14 extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.  
15 The repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review  
16 required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

17 SEC. 2. Section 6711 of the Business and Professions Code is  
18 amended to read:

19 6711. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United  
20 States. Five members shall be registered under this chapter. One  
21 member shall be licensed under the Land Surveyors' Act, Chapter  
22 15 (commencing with Section 8700), one member shall be licensed  
23 under the Geologists and Geophysicists Act, Chapter 12.5  
24 (commencing with Section 7800), and eight shall be public  
25 members who are not registered under this act, licensed under the  
26 Geologists and Geophysicists Act, or licensed under the Land  
27 Surveyors' Act. Each member, except the public members, shall  
28 have at least 12 years active experience and shall be of good  
29 standing in his or her profession. Each member shall be at least  
30 30 years of age, and shall have been a resident of this state for at  
31 least five years immediately preceding his or her appointment.

1 SEC. 3. Section 6712 of the Business and Professions Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 6712. (a) All appointments to the board shall be for a term of  
4 four years. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the  
5 unexpired term. Each appointment thereafter shall be for a  
6 four-year term expiring on June 30 of the fourth year following  
7 the year in which the previous term expired.

8 (b) Each member shall hold office until the appointment and  
9 qualification of his or her successor or until one year shall have  
10 elapsed since the expiration of the term for which he or she was  
11 appointed, whichever first occurs. No person shall serve as a  
12 member of the board for more than two consecutive terms.

13 (c) The Governor shall appoint professional members so that  
14 one is licensed to practice engineering as a civil engineer, one as  
15 an electrical engineer, one as a mechanical engineer, another is  
16 authorized to use the title of structural engineer, and one is a  
17 member of one of the remaining branches of engineering. One of  
18 the professional members licensed under this chapter or under  
19 Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 8700) shall be from a local  
20 public agency, and one shall be from a state agency.

21 (d) The Governor shall appoint six of the public members and  
22 the professional members qualified as provided in Section 6711.  
23 The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly  
24 shall each appoint a public member.

25 SEC. 4. Section 7801 of the Business and Professions Code is  
26 amended to read:

27 7801. (a) "Board," as used in this chapter, means the Board  
28 for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists  
29 established under Section 6710. Any reference in any law or  
30 regulation to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists or the  
31 State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists shall  
32 be deemed to refer to the Board for Professional Engineers, Land  
33 Surveyors, and Geologists.

34 (b) The board shall succeed to, and is vested with, all the duties,  
35 powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction previously  
36 vested in the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists.

37 (c) The board shall receive two personnel years that were  
38 previously allocated to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists  
39 for the performance of the board's responsibilities under this  
40 chapter.

1     *SEC. 5. Section 8706 of the Business and Professions Code is*  
2     *amended to read:*  
3     8706. “Board” refers to the Board for Professional Engineers  
4     and, Land Surveyors, and Geologists.

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