

**TITLE 16. CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Architects Board (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the California Architects Board, 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California, at 2:00 p.m. on November 27, 2007. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office at the above address not later than November 26, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. or at the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposal substantially as described below or may modify such proposal if such modification is sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in the Notice as the contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

**Authority and Reference**

Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 5526 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret, or make specific Section 5550 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

**Adopt Section 119.7 – Examination Transition Plan – ARE 3.1 to 4.0**

Section 5526 of the Business and Professions Code authorizes the Board to adopt, amend, modify, or repeal rules and regulations governing examinations and other rules and regulations as may be necessary. Section 5550 entitles any person who meets the qualifications set forth in the article to an examination for a license to practice architecture subject to the rules and regulations governing examinations.

Existing regulations specify the transition plan for previous divisions of the licensing examination to the current divisions of the computer-based ARE. The proposed adoption of section 119.7 permits current candidates to continue to take the current version of the ARE (Version 3.1) through June 30, 2009. In addition, the proposed language outlines the transition plan effective July 1, 2009 for candidates who are not successful in passing all divisions under Version 3.1 and who will be required to transition to Version 4.0.

**FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES**

**Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State**

The proposed regulatory action will not result in costs or savings to any state agency, costs or savings to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 of Division 4 (commencing with Section 17500 of the Government Code), other nondiscretionary costs or savings on local agencies, or costs or savings in federal funding to the state.

**Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies**

None

**Local Mandate**

The proposed regulatory action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

**Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement**

None

**Business Impact**

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with business in other states, because it affects only candidates for examination and licensure.

**Impact on Jobs/New Businesses**

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California because it affects only candidates for examination and licensure.

**Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business**

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

**Effect on Housing Costs**

The proposed regulatory action will not have a significant effect on housing costs.

**EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS**

The proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses, because it only affects candidates for examination and licensure.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determination at the above-mentioned hearing.

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION**

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

**TEXT OF PROPOSAL**

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the California Architects Board at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, California, 95834, or by telephoning the contact person listed below.

**AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE**

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the Web site listed below.

**CONTACT PERSON**

Inquiries or comments concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be addressed to:

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Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulations may be directed to Justin Sotelo at (916) 575-7212.

**Web site Access**

Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.cab.ca.gov](http://www.cab.ca.gov).