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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, MP DATE TYPED 02/07/04 HB 372

SHORT TITLE Engineer & Surveyor Licensing Board Members SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			\$7.0	Recurring	Other State Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill increases the number of professional surveyors on the Board from three to five and clarifies the experience required to serve as a surveyor member of the board. The number of surveyors will equal the number of professional engineers on the board, making the Board a twelve-member board including its two current public members. The number of board members on the surveying subcommittee will increase from three to five members.

Since each board member term is for five years, the bill increases the number of terms expiring each year to “not more than three”. The bill requires the Board to notify the Governor if it exercises the authority in the current act to appoint a provisional member to serve in a position that has been vacant for more than three months.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Adding two additional board members will alleviate the work of the current three professional surveyor members on the surveying subcommittee as well as on other board committees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for fiscal year 2005 would need to be increased by use of budget adjustment authority by approximately \$7 thousand to cover in-state travel to board and committee meetings, out-of-state travel for an additional member to attend and participate as a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and its committees and other incidental administrative costs.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

- The bill will require a surveyor board member to have been engaged in the practice of surveying as a professional surveyor for at least ten years, including responsible charge of surveying projects as a principal activity for at least five years.
- The board had 6,138 professional engineers, 428 professional surveyors, and 99 dual licenses (a total of 6,665 licensees) at the beginning of FY 04.
- The two professions are distinct and the licensing requirements and application processes are separate from one another.
- The Professional Surveying Committee reviews from 17 to 37 surveying cases per year.

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