

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the practice of professional land surveying by a  
3 business entity.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1071.352, Occupations Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1071.352. SURVEYING BY BUSINESS ENTITY. (a) An  
8 association, partnership, or corporation may not offer  
9 professional surveying services unless the entity is registered  
10 with the board and a registered professional land surveyor is  
11 employed full-time where the services are offered.

12 (a-1) The board shall adopt rules prescribing the  
13 requirements for the registration of an entity described by  
14 Subsection (a).

15 (a-2) The board may refuse to issue or renew and may suspend  
16 or revoke the registration of a business entity and may impose an  
17 administrative penalty against the owner of a business entity for a  
18 violation of this chapter by an employee, agent, or other  
19 representative of the entity, including a registered professional  
20 land surveyor employed by the entity.

21 (b) A registered professional land surveyor or licensed  
22 state land surveyor [~~registration holder or license holder~~] may  
23 organize or engage in any form of individual or group practice of  
24 surveying allowed by state statute. The individual or group

1 practice must properly identify the registered professional land  
2 surveyor or licensed state land surveyor [~~registration holder or~~  
3 ~~license holder~~] who is responsible for the practice.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act by the  
5 amendment of Section 1071.352, Occupations Code, applies only to  
6 professional surveying services offered on or after January 1,  
7 2008. Professional surveying services offered before that date are  
8 governed by the law in effect at the time the services are offered,  
9 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

10 (b) The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying shall  
11 adopt rules required by this Act not later than November 1, 2007.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Bushurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2820 was passed by the House on May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Honey  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2820 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Sally Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 15 JUN 07

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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