

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS,
AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : CR 24-028
EXAMINING BOARD OF :
ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE :
ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL :
ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, :
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, :
AND REGISTERED INTERIOR :
DESIGNERS :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

This rule provides clarification within code chapters A-E 2, 7, and 8 relating to sealing and signing and eliminates redundant words or sentences that might bring confusion to stakeholders. The words “stamp” or “stamping” are being removed and being replaced with “seal” or “sealing”, where it does not already exist. The rule makes clear that use of electronically applied seals and signatures are allowed. Finally, the rule changes instances where “registrants,” “permit holders,” or “licensees” are used incorrectly or inconsistently, because “credential holders” encompasses all of the credential types covered by the A-E code.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD’S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The A-E Rules Committee held a public hearing on the proposed rule on April 10, 2024. No written or verbal comments were received.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All Legislative Council comments except comment 5 have been accepted and incorporated into the proposed rules.

Comment: 5. In provisions of chs. A-E 2 and 8 that are not amended by the proposed rule, consider changing all references to “registrant or permit holder” to the phrase “credential holder”, in order to be consistent with the terminology used in the proposed rule. For example, references to a registrant or permit holder remain in ss. A-E 2.02 (4), 2.02 (6), 2.04, 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, 8.08, and 8.11. These provisions could be included and amended in the proposed rule. If added, the rule caption’s listing of affected provisions should also be updated.

Response: The board partially rejects this comment. Many of these changes are already being made by CR 24-001. And, in some instances, the correct terminology is already in code. For example, when referring only to architects, engineers, or interior designers, it is appropriate to use the term “registrants”. For all remaining instances in A-E 2 and 8 that should be changed, the board accepts the comment and these changes have been incorporated into the rule draft.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A