

# Specimen, Successful Architects' License Law

The Law of the State of Illinois Has Been in Satisfactory Operation for Ten Years and Has Been Copied by Other States. It Contains Some Valuable Suggestions Which Should be Considered by the Government and the Canadian Institute of Architects. Government Examination for Qualification

IN view of the fact that the proposed act for the incorporation of the Canadian Institute of Architects is likely to come up at the approaching session of Parliament; and because this act, if passed entire, will limit the practice of architecture to boni fide members of the aforesaid Institute, it is only natural that the issue is a live one with every Canadian architect: at the present time. This interest is manifest in the numerous letters and inquiries that have come into this office since the first number of CONSTRUCTION, in which the proposed charter was discussed, was circulated. A number of our readers have requested more explicit data with reference to the nature and provisions of what is known in the United States as the "Architects' License Law," which is now in force in the states of Illinois, California and New Jersey. We, therefore, reproduce herewith a copy of the Illinois law which was passed by the legislature of that state ten years ago. In practice it proved so satisfactory that the states of California and New Jersey have, within the past few years, adopted measures along almost identical lines. This law has further been a basis for agitations in almost every state in the Union, where legislation protecting the profession of architecture was desired.

It is our opinion that a law modelled much after this style would best meet the requirements of the profession in Canada, and the provisions contained below should, at this particular time, prove most interesting to our readers:

## APPOINTMENT OF A STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ARCHITECTS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in General Assembly.* That within thirty days after the passage of this act the Governor of this State shall, by the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a State Board of Examiners of Architects, to be composed of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the faculty of the Illinois State University, and the other four shall be architects residing in the State of Illinois, who have been engaged in the practice of architecture at least ten years. Two of the said practicing architects appointed as examiners shall be designated to hold office for two years from the date of the passage of this act, and the other two, together with the member of the faculty aforesaid, shall hold office for four years from the passage of this act; and thereafter upon the expiration of the term of office of the person so appointed, the Governor of the State shall appoint a successor to each person whose term of office shall expire, to hold office for four years, and said person so appointed shall have the above specified qualifications. In case appointment of a successor is not made before the expiration of the term of any member, such member shall hold office until his successor is appointed and duly qualified. Any vacancy occurring in membership of the board shall be filled by the Governor of the State for the unexpired term of such membership.

## EXAMINERS TO FILE OATH OF OFFICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE—TREASURER TO FILE BOND—SALARY OF SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

SEC. 2. The members of the State Board of Examiners of Architects shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, make and file with the Secretary of State the constitutional oath of office. They shall, as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of January,

elect from their number a president and secretary, who shall also be the treasurer. The treasurer, before entering upon his duties, shall file a bond with the Secretary of State, for such sum as shall be required of him by said Secretary of State, and in such form and with such securities as may be approved by the Governor of the State. The board shall adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act to govern its proceedings; and also a seal and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof; and he shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the board which shall be open at all times to public scrutiny, and the board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this act, and may incur necessary expenses in that behalf.

The secretary of the board shall receive a salary which shall be fixed by the board and which shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum: he shall also receive his travelling and other expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties. The other members of the board shall receive the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day actually engaged in this service, and all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending the meetings of said board. Said expenses shall be paid from the fees received by the board under the provisions of this act, and no part of the salary or other expenses of the board shall be paid out of the state treasury. All moneys received in excess of the said per diem allowance and other expenses provided for shall be held by the treasurer as a special fund for meeting the expenses of said board, and the cost of an annual report of the proceedings of the State Board of Examiners of Architects; and any moneys that may have been heretofore paid into the State Treasury to the credit of said board are hereby appropriated to the said board, to be held by it as a part of said special fund; and the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to issue a warrant for their repayment on the requisition of said board and the approval of the Governor in such amounts as may from time to time be required.

## QUORUM—MEETINGS OF BOARD—RULES AND REGULATIONS.

SEC. 3. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the secretary upon the written request of any two members, by giving at least seven days' written notice of meeting to each member, reckoning from the day on which the notices are post-marked, telegraphed, or personally delivered. The board shall adopt rules and regulations for the examination of applicants for license to practice architecture, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and may amend, modify, and repeal such rules and regulations from time to time. The board shall, immediately upon the election of each officer thereof, and upon the adoption, repeal or modification of its rules of government or its rules and regulations of examinations of applicants for licenses, file with the Secretary of State and publish in at least one architectural journal and one daily newspaper published in the State of Illinois, at least twice, the name and address of each officer, and a copy of such rules and regulations, or the amendments, repeal or modification thereof.

## EXAMINATIONS—APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE TO PAY A LICENSE FEE OF \$15.00—LICENSE FEE \$25.00.

SEC. 4. Provisions shall be made by the board hereby constituted for holding examinations at least twice in each year, of applicants for license to practice architecture, and