

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, attorneys have the option to claim “inactive status.” This feature of their licensure is important if, for example, they wish to take time off from their careers to raise a family or pursue other interests. Registered and licensed architects do not currently have the choice to claim “inactive status.” S.B. 1147 establishes an inactive status for registered architects.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1147 establishes an inactive status for registered architects and sets forth provisions for their return to active practice.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners in SECTION 1 (Section 11A(a) and (d), Article 249a, V.T.C.S.) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 478, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937 (Article 249a, V.T.C.S.), by adding Section 11A, as follows:

Sec. 11A. Requires the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (board), by rule, to adopt a system of inactive status for registered architect registration. Requires an architect to apply for inactive status prior to registration expiration. Exempts an inactive status architect from paying certificate of registration renewal fees, and prohibits that architect from performance of activities regulated under this Act. Requires an architect with inactive status to notify the board in writing of a desire to return to active practice, and sets forth provisions for an architect with inactive status to return to active practice. Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.