

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1932  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Texas Occupations Code empowers the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) to adopt rules regarding who qualifies to sit for the interior design registration examination. That examination is given by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification. It is the examination used throughout the country for interior design certification. Current TBAE rules prohibit otherwise eligible Texans with an associate's degree in interior design from sitting for the registration examination. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 1932 amends current law relating to eligibility requirements for registration as an interior designer.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners is rescinded in SECTION 2 (Section 1053.155, Occupations Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1053.155(b), Occupations Code, to require that an application for admission to the registration examination be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) that the applicant has satisfied the educational and professional experience requirements for taking the examination adopted by TBAE under Section 1053.154 (Examination Required), rather than that the applicant has graduated from an interior design educational program recognized and approved by TBAE and has professional experience in the field of interior design

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 1053.155(c) (relating to TBAE adopting rules to establish certain standards), Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.