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AIA Louisiana 2018 Regular Legislative Session Report

As a benefit to our members, attached for your reference is our 2018 Regular Session Legislative Report describing selected legislation introduced this session. This article provides a listing of each bill introduced that our Legislative Affairs Committee earmarked as issues of interest to the membership.

There were a total of 1446 bills, 889 House Bills and 557 Senate Bills introduced. AIA Louisiana was closely monitoring 45 bills. Particularly important is the fact that at last count, in the next election cycle, 17 of 39 Senate members and 40 of 105 House members will be term limited. Because of the success of our Political Action Committee, we have allies in the legislature that are already informed on our issues and are prepared to work with us in creating solutions. **This will become increasingly difficult with 57 new members.** The success of our PAC is crucial as we move forward.

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Many thanks to the 2018 Legislative Affairs Committee under the leadership of Steve Maher, AIA, which included Ben Bradford, AIA, Kevin Alford, AIA, lobbyist Adam Haddox and Lynn Robertson and staff.

BILL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	STATUS/ EFFECTIVE DATE
HB 208	Falconer Revises provisions of Construction Manager at Risk	Act 456 8/1/2018
HB 255	Falconer Provides for Public Records exception of certain records of LSBAE	Act 76 5/10/2018
SB 133	Hewitt and Barrow Relative to documents submitted to the Fire Marshal	Act 357 5/20/2018
SB 196	Fannin Provides relative to the state uniform construction code	Act 364 8/1/2018
SB 376	Smith Defines "governmental function" in state ethics laws	Involuntarily deferred
HB 748	Emerson Establishes the Occupational Licensing Review Act	Act 693 8/1/2018

House Bill 208 – Falconer - Act Number 456

Eliminates the Construction Manager at Risk Pilot Program of \$25 million project minimum

- All CMAR projects must be greater than \$5 million
- Owners of public projects from \$5 million to \$15 million attempting to use CMAR *must provide written notification 60 days prior to the House and Senate Transportation Committees*
- If CMAR contractor and owner cannot agree or reach a negotiated agreement-project shall be *re-advertised using the public bid laws as design-bid-build and the CMAR contractor will be prohibited from bidding on the project*

House Bill 255 – Falconer – Act Number 76

Public records exception for certain records concerning the fitness of a person to receive or hold a license or certificate of registration to practice architecture

- Includes records, exhibits, pictures, drawings and the like
- Records would be released to the public in an administrative hearing before the board
- Any legal grounds upon which such determination is based shall be public record

Senate Bill 133 – Hewitt and Barrow – Act No. 357

Louisiana State Fire Marshal to provide access to LSBAE and LAPELS for examination and reproduction of documents

- *Prohibits release to public, 3rd party and other state agencies*

Senate Bill 196 – Fannin – Act 364

Provides relative to the state uniform construction code

- State Fire Marshal may establish contract agreements with municipalities and parishes to provide code enforcement
- Allows appeal by professional of record to SOFM for alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment as part of these contract agreements

Senate Bill 376 – Smith – Involuntarily deferred

Sought to define “governmental function” in the state ethics code

House Bill 748 – Emerson – Act 693

Establishes the Occupational Licensing Review Act

- Gives Governor authority to receive information relating to activities of any regulatory and licensing agency
- Governor shall review 20% of agencies engaged in regulatory and licensing activities annually for 5 years
- Information will be made available to the public in a timely manner