

2009 -2010 Legislative Committee Report
Ronald J. Rodi, P.E., Chairman

Numerous bills were filed in the 2010 Legislative Session which related to the practice of professional engineering. There seems to an inordinate number of bills this session dealing with the practice of engineering including revisions to the engineering registration law; engineering contracts and professional liability; registration of professional geologists; restoration of representation on the New Orleans area flood protection boards, and continuing education. Following are the bills that were tracked:

Outcome of Legislative Bills - 2010 Regular Legislative Session
Enacted Bills (Signed by Governor)

House	Description
341	Provides for changes to terms of appointments to the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board
449	Provides for changes to the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board law
522	Extends the length of time to utilize of design-build contracts one more year
646	Provides for changes with respect to the Southeast Flood Protection Authority East and West, restoring LES appointees to the Boards
1292	Prohibits contractors convicted of certain crimes from bidding on public works projects
Senate	Description
625	Prohibits certain indemnity provisions in certain motor carrier transportation contracts and certain construction contracts
788	Enacts the Louisiana Professional Geoscience Practice Act

Failed or Withdrawn Bills

House	Description
622	Provides relative to professional fees and continuing education requirements for active military personnel
626	Replaces the composition and membership of all statutorily created boards, commissions, and like entities
1118	Provides that misdemeanor or felony convictions shall not be considered as a factor in granting certain professional licenses or permits if more than five years have elapsed
1482	Requires reductions in fees charged by licensing agencies under certain circumstances
Senate	Description
SCR 30	Suspends all continuing education requirements for occupations and professions
158	Changes licensure requirements for professional engineers licensed to practice in other jurisdictions
443	Provides relative to civil actions against healthcare providers and engineers (Expert Witness Report).
461	Provides relative to agricultural engineers and land surveying
560	Requires all state boards and commissions in the executive branch to file annually with the commissioner of administration, the speaker of the House, and the president of the Senate, a financial statement, and requires that all revenues received by such board or commission that are surplus be subject to appropriation for any lawful purpose
601	Provides relative to criminal sanctions for certain violations of the design-build process in awarding public contracts
777	Prohibits design-build and related types of contracts from being entered into after June 30, 2010

Gerald Simmons resumed his role as our legislative advisor, and was, as always, instrumental in tracking the various bills, providing valuable advice on legislative strategy and setting up meetings with legislative leaders. We continue to work closely with the Louisiana ACEC on related issues. Brenda, Cathy and Jason provided the important link in communications with the Board of Directions and the general membership as well as assisting in compilation of materials and related information.