

## **LEGISLATION PASSES – LAW CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008**

The Idaho Legislature passed House Bill No. 380 which results in numerous changes to the licensing law, the law on plats and vacations, and the law on Corner Perpetuation and Filing. Specifically, the changes include the following:

- Consistently uses the terminology “license” or “licensure” for professional engineers and professional land surveyors and consistently uses the term “certificate holder” for engineer interns and land surveyor interns
- Uses the term “engineer intern” rather than “engineer-in-training” and uses the term “land surveyor intern” rather than “land surveyor-in-training
- Empowers the Board to promulgate rules of continuing professional development for professional engineers not to exceed sixteen (16) hours annually
- Removes obsolete language in regard to the Board record keeping requirements and the annual report to the Governor
- Eliminates interviews with Board Members for those who seek assignment to a third or subsequent administration of an examination and substitutes specific time and academic course work in order to be reassigned
- Allows the Board to waive prescriptive education and experience requirements for applicants for license by comity if the applicant has been licensed in another jurisdiction for a minimum of eight (8) years, has no outstanding disciplinary action, and is in good standing under a licensing system which, in the opinion of the Board, maintains substantially equivalent professional standards as those required under Idaho law
- Clarifies ambiguities between the licensing law and the Administrative Procedures Act and increases the maximum administrative penalty that can be assessed from \$2,000 to \$5,000
- Removes obsolete language regarding replacement of wall certificates
- Clarifies that the Attorney General prosecutes allegations of criminal acts
- Eliminates obsolete language regarding oaths administered to land surveyor assistants for the faithful performance of duty
- Changes the minimum monument size for certain corners in subdivisions from 5/8 inch by 30 inch long to 5/8 inch by two feet long
- Clarifies that professional engineers are required to show land survey monuments on their plans in order to allow for their preservation

These law changes go into effect July 1, 2008.