



## CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 8.18.22

### Re: JCAR Rules Review Pushed to September

Fellow ILASLA Members and Advocates,

As we mentioned in our July letter, the proposed rules language was finalized with IDFPR staff at the end of June 2022. IDFPR assured us that the agreed-to rules language will be placed on the August 2022 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) agenda for review and approval. **That has changed to September.**

From IDPFR, "The rulemaking has been scheduled for the JCAR hearing on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in Chicago. If the rule is not prohibited by JCAR at that meeting, then the Department can adopt the final version of the rule."

As a reiteration: as soon as the rules are approved and adopted, IDFPR is prepared to 'flip a switch' which will then change the expiration of all previously 'active' registrants (all landscape architects with active licenses, in good standing, prior to the Title Act sunset at the start of 2020) to August 31, 2023. This will be done automatically and without a fee. IDFPR will send corresponding emails to all re-registered landscape architects notifying them of the reactivated registrations.

One important note, as of today, the Act does not include a requirement for Continuing Education credits for landscape architects. IDFPR initially relayed that the CE requirements could be spelled out during the rules process, however, that was untrue. We are investigating means and process for reinstating rules requirements via a vehicle bill but the earliest the CE requirements could come back into effect wouldn't be until after the next two-year renewal cycle. This will continue to be coordinated with our lobbyist and IDFPR.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move through this final regulatory process.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to support and become involved with related advocacy efforts, please reach out to one of us below.

Sincerely,

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