

State of Kansas
Abstracters' Board of Examiners
Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

April 30, 2014

The Abstracters' Board of Examiners will conduct a public hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014, in the Convention Center of the Five Points by Sheraton, 530 Richards Drive, Manhattan, KS, to consider the adoption of amendments to K.A.R. 85-4-1 and K.A.R. 85-7-1.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed rules and regulations. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Abstracters' Board of Examiners, P.O. Box 549, Hugoton, KS 67951 or by email to glen@pld.com. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity during the public hearing to present their views orally regarding the adoption of the proposed regulations. In order to provide all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to require that each participant limit any oral presentation to an appropriate timeframe.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Glen McQueen at glen@pld.com or 620-544-2311.

A summary of the proposed regulations and their estimated economic impact follow. Copies of the proposed regulations and the economic impact statement may be obtained by contacting Glen McQueen at the email address or phone number listed above.

K.A.R. 85-4-1. This regulation increases the annual fee for an abstracter's license from \$35 to \$75.

K.A.R. 85-7-1. This regulation increases the examination fee from \$35 to \$75 and establishes a reduced examination fee of \$50 for persons who retake the examination after failing the first time.

Economic Impact. The purpose of these regulations is to update the fees for licensure and examinations following the passage of 2012 House Bill 2743, which increased the statutory cap on licensure fees. The proposed regulations are not mandated by federal law and there are no applicable requirements under federal law. The cost will be borne solely by applicants for licensure and applicants for examinations. The fee increases are modest but necessary according to the Division of Budget to fully fund Board operations. The Board seeks to assist applicants by providing for a reduced examination fee for applicants who retake the examination after failing the first exam.

Economic impact statement

K.A.R. 85-4-1 and 85-7-1

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85-4-1. License fee. The annual fee for each abstracter's license shall be ~~\$35.00~~ \$75.00. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-3901; implementing K.S.A. ~~1988~~ 2013 Supp. 58-2801; effective, T-86-8, April 1, 1985; effective May 1, 1986; amended Nov. 13, 1989; amended P-_____.)

85-7-1. Examination ~~fee~~ fees. (a) The fee for the examination shall be ~~\$35.00~~ \$75.00.

(b) If an applicant does not pass the examination the first time, the applicant's fee for a second examination shall be \$50.00. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-3901; implementing K.S.A. ~~1988~~ Supp. 58-2805; effective, T-86-8, April 1, 1985; effective May 1, 1986; amended Nov. 13, 1989; amended P-_____.)