

State News for NSPE Members

Lawmakers Approve Bill to Fast-Track Licensing for Out-of-State Professionals

A bill that would require occupational boards and commissions to fast-track the licensing of out-of-state licensees moving to Louisiana has been approved by the state Senate and House, and was sent to the governor's desk for signature. This legislation will affect the professional engineer license.

The occupational licensing bill, [Senate Bill 483](#), was sponsored by Senator Stewart Cathey Jr., who said the state needs to make it easier for professionals to move to and work in Louisiana.

Industrial Pumping Contaminating Drinking Water in Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge's drinking water source is under threat of contamination from saltwater due to over pumping by industrial operations, [The Guardian reports](#). In Louisiana, industry uses more groundwater than in any other state except California, according to the [US Geological Survey](#).

The city's water is pulled from the Southern Hills aquifer. Companies like Exxon and Georgia Pacific pump billions of gallons of water from the aquifer each year, with no regulatory caps. Attempts at regulation have met heavy resistance, the article states.

The aquifer is the primary water source for 500,000 people in six parishes. Without intervention, it could become undrinkable, according to a [Louisiana legislative auditor report](#).

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

NSPECon 2022 Open for Registration

Engineers from all disciplines are invited to register for the [2022 Professional Engineers Conference](#) (NSPECon 2022) in Philadelphia, August 1-3. Early-bird registration is available until June 30.

Invited speakers will address sustainability, emerging technology, the post-covid workplace and even, construction on the moon. Licensed professional engineers and those aspiring to be one are invited to join this multi-discipline community to engage with colleagues and hear more about relevant engineering topics.



Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

Prospective conference sponsors and exhibitors will see [newly created opportunities](#) to highlight their companies and organizations throughout the conference. Sponsors can welcome attendees to the “Feel the Philly Love” opening reception, support a conference education track featuring seven unique sessions, or demonstrate how their solutions help clients overcome specific challenges by exhibiting.

PE Day

On the final day of the conference, attendees can celebrate [PE Day](#) in person and raise awareness about the importance of PEs as qualified and ethical professionals. Before attending, everyone is invited to gear up with [PE Day logo wear](#) to show PE Pride at the conference.

Call for 2022-2023 Volunteers

Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#) and essential to helping the Society carry out its [vision and mission and meet the goals of the strategic plan](#). Volunteer positions begin in mid-August and end at the 2023 Professional Engineers Conference.

There are three types of volunteer opportunities:

- **Level 1 (Highest Engagement)–Standing Boards and Committees**
Often includes attending at least one in-person meeting. Most meetings held via video conference. Terms may be up to three years.
- **Level 2 (Intermediate Engagement)–Ad Hoc Committees and Task**

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Activities primarily include online correspondence and video conference meetings.

- **Level 3 (Lowest Engagement)–Ad Hoc Volunteer**
Volunteer on a project-by-project basis.

[Submit an application by July 15 to be considered for a 2022-2023 term.](#)

House of Delegates Virtual General Assembly and Annual Meeting

The House of Delegates Virtual General Assembly will be live streamed on [NSPE's YouTube channel](#) for members on **June 30** (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST). Following the live stream of the General Assembly, NSPE members will have an opportunity to ask questions and talk with President-Elect Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE, and CEO Monika Schulz through a Reddit style AMA (Ask Me Anything) format in the [Annual Meeting online community](#) . All members are welcome.

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