

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 553

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON AND CHASSION

ASSESSORS: Increases the membership of the assessor's certification program committee and provides for educational requirements for certification and recertification of assessors

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1907(E), (F)(1)(a) and (b), and (G)(1), relative to assessors;
3 to increase the membership of the assessors' certification program committee; to
4 provide for committee member qualifications; to expand the courses eligible to meet
5 the educational requirements for the assessors' professional certification program;
6 to expand courses eligible to meet educational requirements for the recertification
7 of assessors; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:1907(E), (F)(1)(a) and (b), and (G)(1) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §1907. Salaries

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13 E. The assessors' certification program committee, hereinafter referred to as
14 the "certification committee", is hereby created to govern the assessors' professional
15 certification program. The certification committee shall be composed of ~~five~~ eleven
16 members who shall serve one-year terms and who may be reappointed. The
17 members shall be appointed as follows:

1 (1) One member shall be the ~~chairman of the education committee~~ Education
2 Coordinator of the Louisiana Assessors Association who shall serve as chairman of
3 the certification committee.

4 (2) ~~One member~~ Two members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Tax
5 Commission.

6 (3) ~~Two~~ Eight members shall be assessors who have met the requirements
7 for certification as certified Louisiana assessors (~~CLA's~~) or deputy assessors who
8 have met the Louisiana Assessors' Association requirements for certification as
9 certified Louisiana deputy assessors who shall be appointed by the president of the
10 Louisiana Assessors Association. The president of the Louisiana Assessors
11 Association shall appoint one member from each of the eight Board of Director
12 districts established by the Louisiana Assessors Association.

13 (4) ~~One member shall be a deputy assessor who has met the Louisiana~~
14 ~~Assessors Association requirements for certification as a certified Louisiana deputy~~
15 ~~assessor (CLDA) who shall be appointed by the president of the Louisiana Assessors~~
16 ~~Association.~~

17 F.(1) The educational requirements for certification shall be as follows:

18 (a) A passing grade on the examination for the International Association of
19 Assessing Officers course ~~† 101--~~ Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal.

20 (b) A passing grade on the examination for the International Association of
21 Assessing Officers course ~~2--Income Approach to Valuation or equivalent courses~~
22 ~~offered by the Appraisal Institute~~ 400-- Assessment Administration.

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24 G.(1) Recertification shall be obtained by completing either of the following
25 requirements:

26 (a) A minimum of fifty-nine hours of continuing education offered by the
27 International Association of Assessing Officers or the Appraisal Institute, which
28 shall include the International Association of Assessing Officers Workshop 151
29 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) course, the

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

- (3) Two certified La. assessors appointed by the president of the La. Assessors Association.
- (4) One deputy assessor appointed by the president of the La. Assessors Association.

Proposed law increases the membership of the assessors' certification committee from 5 members to 11 members by adding an additional member appointed by the La. Tax Commission and increasing the number of assessors and deputy assessors appointed by the president of the La. Assessors Association from a total of three to eight. Further provides that the president of the La. Assessors Association must appoint at least one member from each of the eight Board of Director districts established by the La. Assessors Association.

Present law requires an assessor to receive a passing grade on the examination for education courses, including the Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal and the Income Approach to Valuation or equivalent courses offered by the Appraisal Institute in order to be a certified assessor.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the educational course an assessor must pass in order to be certified from the Income Approach to Valuation to Assessment Administration.

Present law requires an assessor to obtain recertification by completing at least 59 hours of continuing education courses offered by the International Association of Assessing Officers or the Appraisal Institute and at least one course, 30 hours minimum, on appraisal of property which requires the passage of a written exam. Alternatively, if the assessor does not want to achieve recertification by passing a written exam, the assessor may attend at least 74 hours of continuing education courses.

Proposed law retains present law in terms of the hours of continuing education courses needed to attain recertification but adds the Workshop 191 National USPAP Update course and gives assessors an option to attend a one-day or two-day USPAP course in order to attain recertification.

Effective Jan. 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 47:1907(E), (F)(1)(a) and (b), and (G)(1))