

# TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

## INSTRUCTIONS TO SEAL VENDOR FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR SEAL

A Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor (R.P.L.S.) is required to comply with board rules and the land surveyor must obtain a seal of the type specified below. Rubber stamps, impression seals, and electronic seals are all acceptable under Texas Law. The following rules apply to those seals:

### §138.31 SEAL SPECIFICATIONS

- (a) Upon issuance of a registration as a registered professional land surveyor, each registration holder is required to obtain a seal under the requirements of §134.97 of this title (relating to Issuance of Registration).
- (b) In accordance with §1071.351(b) of the Surveying Act, physical and electronic seals shall be of the Board-authorized designs illustrated in this section and shall be no larger than two inches. Regardless of seal size the surveyor's name and number must be clearly legible.
- (c) All physical seals obtained and used by registration holders must leave a permanent ink image or permanent impression of the seal attached to the surveying work.
- (d) All seals obtained and used by registration holders shall contain any legal name, commonly accepted variation of the legal name, or initial combination with the surname as currently listed with the board and in the usual written signature. Nicknames shall not be permitted on a seal in lieu of a legal name or initial combination. The name can be displayed on the seal using all uppercase letters, such as "LESLIE H. DOE" or using the standard combination of upper and lowercase letters, such as "Leslie H. Doe". If after registration, a registration holder legally changes his/her name, the registration holder must have a new seal or seals made showing the new legal name.
- (e) Preprinting of blank forms with a surveyor's seal, or the use of decal or other seal replicas is prohibited.
- (f) When signing a surveying work, the surveyor may utilize the designation "R.P.L.S." or other terms as described in §138.1 of this chapter (relating to Registration Holder Designations).
- (g) This section does not prevent the reproduction of sealed and signed, original works for distribution.
- (h) Upon issuance of a license as a licensed state land surveyor, each license holder is required to obtain an additional seal.

*Source Note: The provisions of this §138.31 adopted to be effective April 1, 2021, 46 TexReg 2017; amended to be effective July 3, 2022, 47 TexReg 3688*

### EXAMPLES



The seal must be designed as shown at the left. Note the sizes and positions of the stars and the type of border used. Titles, such as, "Dr.", "Col." or R.P.L.S. should not be included on the seal. It is important to obtain a compliant seal as use of a non-compliant seal is a violation of board rules and could subject a licensee to enforcement action.

For your convenience, copies of the artwork can be downloaded from our website.

RPLS Seal

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