

APIB Update January 3, 2014

The public comment period for proposed Rules and Regulations closed on December 31, 2013. The Board received no written comments regarding these Rules and Regulations. Therefore, the Board will officially adopt the Rules and Regulations at the next Board meeting (currently scheduled for February 4, 2014).

As soon as the Board receives approval from the state to run fingerprints, as required by statute, the application forms will be posted on this web site and we will begin accepting applications for licensure. Please check back on this web site regularly for these forms and implementation date of licensure.

State Board Creation and Initial Licensure for Private Investigation in Alabama

December 6, 2013

The Alabama Private Investigation Board (APIB) was created by the Alabama Legislature in the 2013 Legislative Session (Act #2013-306 signed on May 23, 2013). This act became effective on August 1, 2013.

The APIB has been meeting regularly to establish policies including drafting Rules and Regulations and Forms for initial licensure. The Proposed Rules and Regulations are currently being advertised for public comment on this web site and in *Administrative Monthly* (a publication from the Alabama Administrative Procedures Office). Written comments, views, or arguments will be received by the APIB thru 9:00 a.m. on December 31, 2013. Comments should be directed to Paula McCaleb, *Executive Director*, at P.O. Box 241206, Montgomery, AL 36124, or via fax at 334-274-0684.

The APIB will post the application and forms on this web site on the effective day of the Rules and Regulations, which we are estimating will be the week of January 7, 2014. Applications will then be received in the Board office and the first licenses will be issued with an effective date of February 1, 2014.

The Legislature provided a grandfathering provision or licensure by work experience for individuals currently in the practice of Private Investigation in Alabama (and therefore, would not have to sit for an examination). The following are the qualifications for licensure by work experience:

- Be an investigator holding a current business license in the state of Alabama on the effective date of the adoption of the rules and regulations of the Board. The opportunity to apply for a private investigator license issued under this rule shall expire 365 days after the implementation of the rules and regulations of the Board. Holders of these licenses shall be eligible to renew their licenses as are any other licensed private investigators.

- Implementation for licensure shall begin on the effective date of the adoption of the rules and regulations. The initial licensure period shall be dated to begin on February 1, 2014, with renewal by January 31, biennially thereafter.
- Any licenses issued during implementation shall be dated February 1, 2014, the initial date of the licensure period, and shall be subject to renewal by January 31, 2016, and biennially thereafter. Licenses issued after the initial date of the licensure period shall be dated to begin at the date the license is issued, but set to expire at the next established renewal date. Licenses will not be prorated.
- Persons working as a private investigator, unless otherwise exempt, shall have a valid private investigator license.

A copy of a current business license to practice Private Investigation in the State of Alabama will be required with the initial application in order to meet the above licensure by work experience requirements. Employees or contractors of a company licensed to practice Private Investigation in Alabama may also apply with the employer completing a Verification of Private Investigation Work Experience Form (coming soon) and a copy of the employer's current business license.