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Mrs. Olean Barton, Secretary-Treasurer
Missouri Board for Architects,
Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mrs. Barton:

This is in response to your request for an official opinion
of the question whether citizenship is a requirement for registra-
tion as an architect, a professional engineer or a land surveyor
under Senate Bill 117 of the 75th General Assembly.

In Opinion No. 124, answered by letter to you, March 1, 1965,
this office advised that under Section 327.030, RSMo 1959, one must
be a citizen of the United States (or Puerto Rico) before original
registration may be granted by the board. However, since that time
Chapter 327, which included Section 327.030, was repealed by the
enactment of Senate Bill 117. By this bill, the General Assembly
enacted a completely new Chapter 327, but the new chapter does not
include a provision which requires a person to be a citizen before
original registration may be granted by the board. On the other
hand, with respect to persons who have been registered in another
jurisdiction, the bill provides in Section 327.381 as follows:

> "The board may in its discretion issue a certi-
> ficate of registration to any architect or pro-
> fessional engineer or land surveyor who has been
> registered in another state, territory or posses-
> sion of the United States, or in another country,
> provided that the board is satisfied by proof
> adduced by such applicant that his qualifications
> for registration are at least equivalent to the
> requirements for initial registration in Missouri
> at the time of applicant's initial registration
> . . ."

Mrs. Olean Barton

    Accordingly, it is the opinion of this office that citizenship is not a requirement for registration as an architect, a professional engineer or a land surveyor under any section of Senate Bill 117 of the 75th General Assembly.

                Yours very truly,

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Enclosure: Op. No. 124
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