

**544A.28 Seal required.**

1. An architect shall procure a seal with which to identify all technical submissions issued by the architect for use in this state. The seal shall be of a design, content, and size designated by the board.

2. *a.* Technical submissions prepared by an architect, or under an architect's direct supervision and responsible charge, shall be stamped with the impression of the architect's seal. The board shall designate by rule the location, frequency, and other requirements for use of the seal. An architect shall not impress the architect's seal on technical submissions if the architect was not the author of the technical submissions or if they were not prepared under the architect's direct supervision and responsible charge. An architect who merely reviews standardized construction documents for pre-engineered or prototype buildings, is not the author of the technical submissions and the technical submissions were not prepared under a reviewing architect's responsible charge.

*b.* An architect shall cause those portions of technical submissions prepared by a professional consultant to be stamped with the impression of the seal of the professional consultant, with a clear identification of the consultant's areas of responsibility, signature, and date of issuance.

3. A public official charged with the enforcement of the state building code, as adopted pursuant to [section 103A.7](#), or a municipal or county building code, shall not accept or approve any technical submissions involving the practice of architecture unless the technical submissions have been stamped with the architect's seal as required by [this section](#) or unless the applicant has certified on the technical submission to the applicability of a specific exception under [section 544A.18](#) permitting the preparation of technical submissions by a person not licensed under [this chapter](#). A building permit issued with respect to technical submissions which do not conform to the requirements of [this section](#) is invalid.

[87 Acts, ch 92, §12](#)

[CS87, §118.28](#)

[C93, §544A.28](#)

[2004 Acts, ch 1086, §90; 2015 Acts, ch 29, §85; 2017 Acts, ch 131, §7](#)