STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 303 By: Easley

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An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 1016, 1036 and 1693, which relate to municipal inspectors of plumbing and electrical work; modifying certain municipal population requirements relating to certain inspectors; modifying certain experience requirements relating to certain inspectors; modifying issuance of certain provisional licenses; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1016, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1016. A. Each city or incorporated town with a population of two thousand (2,000) or more in the state, having a system of water supply or sewerage shall by ordinance, within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act, create an office of plumbing inspector, whose duty it shall be to inspect all plumbing installed in the jurisdiction of such city or town, and shall furnish a certificate of same. Said plumbing inspector shall have had not less than ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years' practical experience at

the plumbing business, and shall not be interested, either directly or indirectly, in any firm or corporation engaged in the plumbing business.

B. Any city or town in this state, with a population in excess of four thousand (4,000) but not exceeding ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ thirty thousand (30,000), may create an office which combines the powers and duties of the plumbing inspector and the electrical inspector. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the holder of such office must have at least ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years' practical experience in the plumbing industry and ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years' practical experience in the electrical industry. Any such city or town may, in its discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for such office if such person, within two (2) years after the date of appointment, successfully passes the examination for a license as a plumbing inspector and the examination for a license as an electrical inspector conducted by a recognized national building code or standard service. Cities or towns with a population of four thousand (4,000) or less may, in their discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for the office. The salary of said plumbing inspector is to be provided for by the respective city or town.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1036, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1036. A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, after February 1, 1990, applicants for certification and license shall:

1. Show proof of certification or licensing by a program or governmental entity approved by the State Board of Health; or

2. Have been certified by the Committee as having passed the examination.

The Commissioner shall issue a license to any person who has met the requirements of paragraph 1 or 2 of this subsection and who has

paid the fees required by the Oklahoma Inspectors Act and has otherwise complied with the applicable requirements of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act. Provided, the Commissioner may issue a provisional license limited to ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years to enable an applicant to meet the certification requirements of this subsection.

B. The Commissioner shall issue a license without examination to all applicants who were employed by any political subdivision as building and construction inspectors prior to February 1, 1990, and who make proper application and payment of fees prior to February 1, 1990, as provided for in the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, and submit notarized affidavits from a state or municipal official verifying employment as a building and construction inspector.

C. Examinations shall be uniform and shall be practical in nature but shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicant as a building and construction inspector. The examination shall be in whole or in part in writing. Examination dates shall be set by the Committee. Any applicant failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days, and thereafter any such applicants subsequently failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take a subsequent examination for a period of ninety (90) days.

D. All licenses shall be nontransferable and it shall be unlawful for any holder of a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Inspectors Act to loan or allow the use of such license by any other person, firm or corporation.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1693, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1693. A. Any city or town in this state may prescribe rules, regulations and standards for the materials used and the construction, installation and inspection of all electrical work in connection with any building, structure or conveyance in such city

or town provided that no electrical work shall be done without a permit first being obtained from such city or town. This permit may be issued upon such terms and conditions as the city or town may prescribe.

B. Any city or town in this state may create an office of electrical inspector whose duty it shall be to inspect all electrical installations under the jurisdiction of such city or town and to issue a certificate upon the completion of each inspection. This inspector shall have at least ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years of active experience in the electrical industry and shall have no interest, direct or indirect, in any firm or corporation engaged in the electrical industry.

C. Any city or town in this state, with a population in excess of four thousand (4,000) but not exceeding ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ thirty thousand (30,000), may create an office which combines the powers and duties of the plumbing inspector and the electrical inspector. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the holder of such office must have at least ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years' practical experience in the plumbing industry and ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years' practical experience in the electrical industry. Any such city or town may, in its discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for such office if such person, within two (2) years after the date of appointment, successfully passes the examination for a license as a plumbing inspector and the examination for a license as an electrical inspector conducted by a recognized national building code or standard service.

D. Any city or town with a population of four thousand (4,000) or less may, in its discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for this office.

E. The electrical inspector may hold more than one office in the city or town appointing ~~him~~ such person and ~~his~~ the salary of the person shall be as determined by such city or town.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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