

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1513

By: Daniels and Brecheen of the
Senate

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4 Mulready of the House
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7 An Act relating to Electrical License Act; amending
8 59 O.S. 2011, Sections 1682 and 1692, which relate to
9 definitions and exceptions; adding definition;
10 setting ratio of registered apprentices to journeyman
11 or contractor; requesting certain rule revisions;
12 adding certain exception from licensure; providing
13 for codification; providing for noncodification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1682, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1682. As used in the Electrical License Act:

19 1. "Board" means the Construction Industries Board;

20 2. "Committee" means the Committee of Electrical Examiners
21 appointed by the Board;

22 3. "Electrical apprentice" means any person sixteen (16) years
23 of age or older whose principal occupation is the learning of and
24 assisting in the installation of electrical work under the direct
supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or electrical
contractor;

1 4. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an
2 electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation,
3 alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities or
4 electrical construction work unless specifically exempted by the
5 provisions of the Electrical License Act;

6 5. "Electrical contractor" means any person skilled in the
7 planning, superintending and practical installation of electrical
8 facilities who is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations
9 governing such work. Electrical contractor also means any
10 individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability
11 company, or business performing skills of an electrical contractor
12 or an electrician or the business of contracting, or furnishing
13 labor or labor and materials for the installation, repair,
14 maintenance or renovation of electrical facilities or electrical
15 construction work according to the provisions of the Electrical
16 License Act;

17 6. "Electrical facilities" means all wiring, fixtures,
18 appurtenances, and appliances for, and in connection with, a supply
19 of electricity within or adjacent to any building, structure or
20 conveyance on the premises but not including the connection with a
21 power supply meter or other power supply source;

22 7. "Category" means the classification by which licenses and
23 electrical work may be limited. Such categories shall include but
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1 shall not be limited to installation, maintenance, repair,
2 alteration, residential, oilfield, and commercial;

3 8. "Temporary journeyman electrician" means any person other
4 than a person permanently licensed as a journeyman electrician or
5 electrical contractor in this state who meets the temporary
6 licensure requirements of Section 1685.1 of this title;

7 9. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State
8 Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board; ~~and~~

9 10. "Electrical construction work" means installation,
10 fabrication or assembly of equipment or systems included in
11 "premises wiring" as defined in the National Electrical Code
12 (reference 158:40-1-4. Standard of Installation), and which is
13 hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Electrical
14 construction work includes, but is not limited to, installation of
15 raceway systems used for any electrical purposes, and installation
16 of field-assembled systems such as ice and snow melting, pipe-
17 tracing, and manufactured wiring systems. Electrical construction
18 work shall not include in-plant work performed by employees of the
19 company owning the plant, work performed by telecommunications
20 employees for telecommunications companies, or installation of
21 factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the
22 premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the
23 equipment are required in the field; and

1 11. "Electrical work" means work consisting primarily of the
2 layout, installation, maintenance, repair, testing or replacement of
3 all or part of electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures,
4 appliances or equipment for transmitting, carrying, controlling or
5 using electricity in, on, outside or attached to a building,
6 structure, property or premises. "Electrical work" shall not mean
7 work that is related to or facilitates the construction,
8 installation or maintenance of all or part of an electrical system,
9 which does not involve actual work with any of the electrical
10 components listed in the first sentence of this paragraph.

11 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1692, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1692. A. The provisions of the Electrical License Act
14 shall not apply to:

15 1. Minor repairs, consisting of repairing or replacing outlets
16 or minor working parts of electrical fixtures;

17 2. Maintenance work for state and federal institutions;

18 3. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and
19 renovation by a public utility regulated by the Corporation
20 Commission;

21 4. Public service corporations, telephone and telegraph
22 companies, rural electric associations or municipal utilities;

23 5. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and
24 renovation of telephone equipment or computer systems by a person,

1 firm, or corporation engaged in the telecommunications or
2 information systems industry when such activities involve work
3 exclusively for communication of data, voice, or for other signaling
4 purposes; except fire alarm systems, security systems and
5 environmental control systems that are not an integral part of a
6 telecommunications system; ~~or~~

7 6. The installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of
8 water supply pumps, provided such work is performed from the output
9 side of a fused disconnect or breaker box; or

10 7. Alarm and locksmiths, or low voltage providers, who perform
11 installation, maintenance, repair, replacement and renovation of
12 Class 2 and Class 3 circuits; provided the work is performed in
13 accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, requirements
14 for such Class 2 or Class 3 circuits.

15 B. Nothing in the Electrical License Act shall be construed to
16 require:

17 1. Employment of a licensed electrical contractor, journeyman
18 electrician or electrical apprentice except as required by local
19 ordinances and resolutions;

20 2. Any regular employee of any firm or corporation to hold a
21 license before doing any electrical work on the property of the firm
22 or corporation whether or not the property is owned, leased or
23 rented except as may be required by local ordinances and
24 resolutions; or

3. An individual to hold a license before doing electrical work on his own property or residence except as may be required by local ordinances and resolutions.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No more than three registered apprentice electricians shall work under the supervision of a single journeyman or contractor.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The Construction Industries Board shall amend its rules, wherever applicable, to conform to the definition and requirement of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2018.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives