

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 1513

 By: Daniels and Brecheen of the
 Senate

6 and

7 Mulready of the House

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

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

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

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

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

23 2. "Committee" means the Committee of Electrical Examiners
24 appointed by the Board;

 3. "Electrical apprentice" means any person sixteen (16) years
of age or older whose principal occupation is the learning of and

1 assisting in the installation of electrical work under the direct
2 supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or electrical
3 contractor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Maintenance work for state and federal institutions;

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

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

1 5. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and
2 renovation of telephone equipment or computer systems by a person,
3 firm, or corporation engaged in the telecommunications or
4 information systems industry when such activities involve work
5 exclusively for communication of data, voice, or for other signaling
6 purposes; except fire alarm systems, security systems and
7 environmental control systems that are not an integral part of a
8 telecommunications system; ~~or~~

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

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

17 B. Nothing in the Electrical License Act shall be construed to
18 require:

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

22 2. Any regular employee of any firm or corporation to hold a
23 license before doing any electrical work on the property of the firm
24 or corporation whether or not the property is owned, leased or

1 rented except as may be required by local ordinances and
2 resolutions; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND BUSINESS, dated
19 03/27/2018 - DO PASS.
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