

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL NO.653

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Electrical Licensing Act;  
8 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1682, as amended by  
9 Section 1, Chapter 17, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp.  
10 2018, Section 1682), which relates to definitions;  
11 providing certain exception; allowing certain credit  
12 of in-plant electrical construction work experience  
13 to certain license qualifications; stating criteria  
14 for in-plant experience credit; authorizing the  
15 Construction Industries Board to calculate and credit  
16 certain experience hours for certain license  
17 qualifications; requiring calculation of certain  
18 hours in certain manner; authorizing application,  
19 examination and licensure upon meeting certain  
20 qualifications; directing certain license issue upon  
21 successful application, payment of fees,  
22 qualification and examination; directing the  
23 Construction Industries Board to promulgate rules;  
24 providing for codification; and providing an  
25 effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1682, as  
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 17, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
22 Section 1682), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1682. A. As used in the Electrical License Act:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14       9. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State  
15 Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board;

16       10. "Electrical construction work" means installation,  
17 fabrication or assembly of equipment or systems included in  
18 "premises wiring" as defined in the National Electrical Code  
19 (reference 158:40-1-4. Standard of Installation), and which is  
20 hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Electrical  
21 construction work includes, but is not limited to, installation of  
22 raceway systems used for any electrical purposes, and installation  
23 of field-assembled systems such as ice and snow melting, pipe-  
24 tracing, and manufactured wiring systems. ~~Electrical~~ Except as

1 authorized in Section 2 of this act, electrical construction work  
2 shall not include in-plant work performed by employees of the  
3 company owning the plant, work performed by telecommunications  
4 employees for telecommunications companies, or installation of  
5 factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the  
6 premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the  
7 equipment are required in the field; and

8 11. "Electrical work" means work consisting primarily of the  
9 layout, installation, maintenance, repair, testing or replacement of  
10 all or part of electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures,  
11 appliances or equipment for transmitting, carrying, controlling or  
12 using electricity in, on, outside or attached to a building,  
13 structure, property or premises. Electrical work shall not mean  
14 work that is related to or facilitates the construction,  
15 installation or maintenance of all or part of an electrical system,  
16 but which does not involve actual work with any of the electrical  
17 components provided in this definition.

18 B. Class 2 and Class 3 circuits shall be exempt from the  
19 requirements of electrical licensing of either an electrical  
20 contractor or a journeyman electrician, provided the work is  
21 performed in accordance with the National Fire Protection  
22 Association 70 requirements for Class 2 and Class 3 circuits.  
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SECTION 2. NEW LAW

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1684.1 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For purposes of qualifying for an application, examination and licensure as an electrical contractor, in-plant electrical construction work may be credited toward electrical contractor qualifications as follows:

1. The applicant must be a journeyman electrician continuously licensed in this state for at least two (2) years prior to application for electrical contractor;

2. The journeyman must meet all electrical contractor qualifications, make application for examination, and successfully pass the examination for electrical contractor;

3. The person working as an in-plant licensed journeyman electrician and making application for electrical contractor must have mainly electrical contractor responsibilities;

4. The in-plant employer of a licensed journeyman electrician who is making application for electrical contractor must provide written verifiable proof of electrical construction work performed in-plant by the journeyman electrician for at least four thousand (4,000) hours prior to the application date for electrical contractor; and

5. The experience hours documented for in-plant electrical contractor work shall include, but not be limited to, installation,

1 fabrication or assembly of equipment or systems included in  
2 "premises wiring" as defined in the National Electrical Code  
3 (reference 158:40-1-4. Standard of Installation), planning,  
4 superintending and practical installation of electrical facilities,  
5 demonstration of familiarity with the laws, rules and regulations  
6 governing such electrical construction work, and experience working  
7 with an in-plant electrical power supply source equal to or greater  
8 than 100kw of which design is intended to provide a total in-plant  
9 power source which operates in conjunction and/or independent from  
10 the electrical utility grid.

11 B. 1. The Construction Industries Board is authorized to  
12 credit and count in-plant hours for electrical construction work  
13 performed by an in-plant licensed journeymen electrician as provided  
14 in this section upon his or her application for electrical  
15 contractor. The allowable hours of electrical construction work  
16 experience applicable to the qualifications for electrical  
17 contractor shall be determined, if any, at the discretion of the  
18 Construction Industries Board based upon the written documentation  
19 provided. Hours of experience from in-plant electrical construction  
20 work shall be calculated substantially the same as for other  
21 licensed journeyman electricians, provided the degree of electrical  
22 construction work experience is equivalent to that of other licensed  
23 journeyman's experience attempting to qualify for an electrical  
24 contractor license.

1        2. When a licensed journeyman electrician meets the  
2 qualifications for electrical contractor by applying the credit  
3 hours authorized in this section for an in-plant licensed journeyman  
4 electrician, he or she may be allowed to take the electrical  
5 contractor examination. Upon qualification, application, payment of  
6 fees, and successful examination for electrical contractor, the  
7 Construction Industries Board shall issue an electrical contractor  
8 license to such qualified journeyman.

9        3. The Construction Industries Board may promulgate rules to  
10 implement the provisions of this section and may include types and  
11 nature of documentation allowed to be submitted as proof of in-plant  
12 electrical construction work, methods and manner of calculating or  
13 denying credit hours or equivalent hours, and other necessary  
14 regulations deemed applicable to this section.

15        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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