1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT ΤO 2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1572 By: Daniels of the Senate 3 and Sims of the House 4 5 [electricians - qualifications for certification -6 expiration of registration - effective date] 7 8 9 10 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill 11 and insert: 12 13 14 "An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1682, 1686, 1688, 1689, and 1699, which relate to the Electrical 15 License Act; modifying definition; stating 16 qualifications for student apprentice registration; authorizing student apprentice registration and 17 reregistration under certain conditions; clarifying student apprentice registration expiration; updating 18 statutory language; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date. 19 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 22 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1682, is SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 23 amended to read as follows: 24 Section 1682. A. As used in the Electrical License Act:

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

2 2. "Committee" means the Committee of Electrical Examiners
 3 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
assisting in the installation of electrical work under the direct
supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or electrical
contractor;

9 4. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an 10 electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation, 11 alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities or 12 electrical construction work unless specifically exempted by the 13 provisions of the Electrical License Act;

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

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

9. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma StateElectrical 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 (reference 158:40-1-4. Standard of Installation), and which is 19 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 construction

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work shall not include in-plant work performed by employees of the company owning the plant, work performed by telecommunications employees for telecommunications companies or installation of factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the equipment are required in the field;

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

17 12. "Student electrical intern apprentice" means any person 18 sixteen (16) years of age or older who complies with the 19 requirements for registration under Section 1686 of this title.

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

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1SECTION 2.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 1686, is2amended to read as follows:

Section 1686. A. The Construction Industries Board shall, upon proper application and payment of fee, register as an electrical apprentice and issue a certificate of such registration to any person who furnishes satisfactory proof to the Board that the applicant is:

1. Sixteen (16) years of age or older; or

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9 2. Enrolled in a school or federal training program for
10 electrical apprentices recognized by the Board or employed as an
11 electrical apprentice with an active licensed electrical contractor.

B. The Construction Industries Board shall, upon proper application and payment of fee, register as a student electrical intern <u>apprentice</u> and issue a certificate of such registration to any person who furnishes satisfactory proof to the Board that the applicant is:

17 1. Sixteen (16) years of age or older; and

18 2. Enrolled in high school and enrolled in a work-ready or 19 similar program recognized by the Board; and

<u>3. Employed with an active licensed electrical contractor.</u>
 <u>A student apprentice may not apply more than five hundred (500)</u>
 <u>hours per school year toward his or her journeyman requirements</u>.
 C. All applications for examination, license or renewal of
 license shall be made in writing to the Board on forms provided, if

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necessary, by the Board. All applications shall be accompanied by
 the appropriate fee.

D. Apprentices and student electrical interns <u>apprentices</u>, when required by the Board, shall provide such documents, statements or other information as may be necessary to submit to a national criminal history record check as defined by Section 150.9 of Title 7 4 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1688, is 9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 1688. A. No license shall be issued for longer than 11 one (1) year, and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the 12 birth month of the licensee. A license may be renewed upon 13 application and payment of fees thirty (30) days preceding or 14 following the date the license is due. Licenses renewed more than 15 thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may be renewed 16 only upon application and payment of all required fees and payment 17 of any penalty for late renewal established by the Construction 18 Industries Board and upon compliance with any applicable continuing 19 education requirements established by the Board and the Electrical 20 License Act. No penalty for late renewal shall be charged to any 21 holder of a license which expires while the holder is in military 22 service, if an application for renewal is made within one (1) year 23 following the service discharge of the holder.

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B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless
 the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing
 education, as determined and approved by the Committee of Electrical
 Examiners and approved by the Construction Industries Board.

5 C. An apprentice registration certificate or a student intern 6 registration certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which 7 time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of 8 the Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee.

D. A student apprentice registration certificate shall be
issued for the registrant's school year. A student apprentice
registration expires on the last day of the registrant's school
year, at which time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the
requirements of the Construction Industries Board and paying the
renewal fee.

15 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1689, is 16 amended to read as follows:

Section 1689. A. The Construction Industries Board or its designee and the Committee of Electrical Examiners shall act as the Electrical Hearing Board and shall comply with the provisions of Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 308a et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Any administrative hearing on suspensions, revocations or
fines shall be conducted by a hearing examiner appointed by the
Board. The hearing examiner's decision shall be a final decision

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which may be appealed to a district court in accordance with the
 Administrative Procedures Act.

C. The Electrical Hearing Board may, upon its own motion, and 3 4 shall, upon written complaint filed by any person, investigate the 5 business transactions of any electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, electrical apprentice, student electrical intern 6 7 apprentice or poultry house contractor license. Upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence, the Board shall suspend or revoke any 8 9 license or registration obtained by false or fraudulent 10 representation. Upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence, 11 the Board shall also suspend or revoke any license or registration 12 for any of the following:

Making a material misstatement in the application for a
 license or registration, or the renewal of a license or
 registration;

16 2. Loaning or illegally using a license;

17 3. Demonstrating incompetence to act as a journeyman
18 electrician or electrical contractor;

4. Violating any provisions of the Electrical License Act, or any rule or order prescribed by the Board or any ordinance for the installation of electrical facilities made or enacted by a city or town by authority of the Electrical License Act;

23 5. Willfully failing to perform normal business obligations
24 without justifiable cause; or

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Failing to maintain a registration or license as required by
 law in another state while registered in this state as a nonresident
 contractor.

D. Any person whose license or registration has been revoked by
the Electrical Hearing Board may apply for a new license one (1)
year from the date of such revocation.

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political Ε. subdivision of this state that has adopted a nationally recognized 8 9 electrical code and appointed an inspector pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title or pursuant to the 10 11 provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for such work shall have 12 jurisdiction over the interpretation of the code and the 13 installation of all electrical work done in that political 14 subdivision, subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors 15 Act. Provided, a state inspector may work directly with an 16 electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, electrical apprentice 17 or student electrical intern apprentice in such a locality if a 18 violation of the code creates an immediate threat to life or health.

F. In the case of a complaint about, investigation of or inspection of any license, registration, permit or electrical work in any political subdivision of this state which has not adopted a nationally recognized electrical code and appointed an inspector pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title or pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for such work, the

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Construction Industries Board shall have jurisdiction over such
 matters.

No individual, business, company, corporation, 3 G. 1. association or other entity subject to the provisions of the 4 5 Electrical License Act shall install, modify or alter electrical facilities in any incorporated area of this state which has not 6 adopted a nationally recognized electrical code and appointed an 7 inspector pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title 8 9 or pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for 10 such work without providing notice of such electrical work to the 11 Construction Industries Board. A notice form for reproduction by an 12 individual or entity required to make such notice shall be provided 13 by the Construction Industries Board upon request.

Notice to the Construction Industries Board pursuant to this
 subsection shall not be required for electrical maintenance or
 replacement of existing electrical appliances or fixtures or of any
 petroleum refinery or its research facilities.

18 3. Enforcement of this subsection is authorized pursuant to the
19 Electrical License Act, or under authority granted to the
20 Construction Industries Board.

21 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1699, is 22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1699. One student electrical intern apprentice is
24 allowed to work per physical job site with direct supervision under

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1	a single journeyman or electrical contractor; provided, however,
2	that no such student electrical intern apprentice shall be counted
3	against the maximum number of apprentices who are allowed by law or
4	regulation to work under the supervision of a single journeyman or
5	contractor. A student electrical intern <u>apprentice</u> is not allowed
6	to work on high voltage systems defined by the National Electrical
7	Code.
8	SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024."
9	Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2024.
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12	Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives
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14	Passed the Senate the day of, 2024.
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1 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1572 By: Daniels of the Senate 2 and 3 Sims of the House 4 5 [electricians - qualifications for certification -6 expiration of registration - effective date] 7 8 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1682, is 10 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 11 Section 1682. A. As used in the Electrical License Act: 12 13 1. "Board" means the Construction Industries Board; 2. "Committee" means the Committee of Electrical Examiners 14 appointed by the Board; 15 3. "Electrical apprentice" means any person sixteen (16) years 16 of age or older whose principal occupation is the learning of and 17 assisting in the installation of electrical work under the direct 18 supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or electrical 19 20 contractor; 4. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an 21 electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation, 22 alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities or 23 24

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1 electrical construction work unless specifically exempted by the 2 provisions of the Electrical License Act;

5. "Electrical contractor" means any person skilled in the 3 planning, superintending and practical installation of electrical 4 5 facilities who is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations governing such work. Electrical contractor also means any 6 individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability 7 company or business performing skills of an electrical contractor or 8 9 an electrician or the business of contracting, or furnishing labor or labor and materials for the installation, repair, maintenance or 10 renovation of electrical facilities or electrical construction work 11 12 according to the provisions of the Electrical License Act;

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

18 7. "Category" means the classification by which licenses and 19 electrical work may be limited. Such categories shall include but 20 shall not be limited to installation, maintenance, repair, 21 alteration, residential, oilfield and commercial;

8. "Temporary journeyman electrician" means any person otherthan a person permanently licensed as a journeyman electrician or

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electrical contractor in this state who meets the temporary
 licensure requirements of Section 1685.1 of this title;

3 9. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State4 Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board;

5 10. "Electrical construction work" means installation, fabrication or assembly of equipment or systems included in 6 "premises wiring" as defined in the National Electrical Code 7 (reference 158:40-1-4. Standard of Installation), and which is 8 9 hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Electrical construction work includes but is not limited to installation of 10 raceway systems used for any electrical purposes, and installation 11 of field-assembled systems such as ice and snow melting, pipe-12 13 tracing and manufactured wiring systems. Electrical construction work shall not include in-plant work performed by employees of the 14 company owning the plant, work performed by telecommunications 15 employees for telecommunications companies or installation of 16 factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the 17 premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the 18 equipment are required in the field; 19

20 11. "Electrical work" means work consisting primarily of the 21 layout, installation, maintenance, repair, testing or replacement of 22 all or part of electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures, 23 appliances or equipment for transmitting, carrying, controlling or 24 using electricity in, on, outside or attached to a building,

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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, but which does not involve actual work with any of the electrical components provided in this definition; and

6 12. "Student electrical intern apprentice" means any person
7 sixteen (16) years of age or older who complies with the
8 requirements for registration under Section 1686 of this title.

9 B. Class 2 and Class 3 circuits shall be exempt from the requirements of electrical licensing of either an electrical 10 contractor or a journeyman electrician, provided the work is 11 performed in accordance with the National Fire Protection 12 13 Association 70 requirements for Class 2 and Class 3 circuits. SECTION 8. 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1686, is AMENDATORY 14 amended to read as follows: 15

16 Section 1686. A. The Construction Industries Board shall, upon 17 proper application and payment of fee, register as an electrical 18 apprentice and issue a certificate of such registration to any 19 person who furnishes satisfactory proof to the Board that the 20 applicant is:

21 1. Sixteen (16) years of age or older; or

22 2. Enrolled in a school or federal training program for
 23 electrical apprentices recognized by the Board or employed as an
 24 electrical apprentice with an active licensed electrical contractor.

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B. The Construction Industries Board shall, upon proper
application and payment of fee, register as a student electrical
intern apprentice and issue a certificate of such registration to
any person who furnishes satisfactory proof to the Board that the
applicant is:

6 1. Sixteen (16) years of age or older; and

7 2. Enrolled in high school and enrolled in a work-ready or
8 similar program recognized by the Board; and

93. Employed with an active licensed electrical contractor.10A student apprentice may not apply more than one thousand five

11 <u>hundred (1,500) hours toward his or her journeyman requirements</u>.

12 C. All applications for examination, license or renewal of 13 license shall be made in writing to the Board on forms provided, if 14 necessary, by the Board. All applications shall be accompanied by 15 the appropriate fee.

D. Apprentices and student electrical interns <u>apprentices</u>, when required by the Board, shall provide such documents, statements or other information as may be necessary to submit to a national criminal history record check as defined by Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1688, is 22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1688. A. No license shall be issued for longer than 24 one (1) year, and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the

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1 birth month of the licensee. A license may be renewed upon application and payment of fees thirty (30) days preceding or 2 following the date the license is due. Licenses renewed more than 3 thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may be renewed 4 5 only upon application and payment of all required fees and payment of any penalty for late renewal established by the Construction 6 Industries Board and upon compliance with any applicable continuing 7 education requirements established by the Board and the Electrical 8 9 License Act. No penalty for late renewal shall be charged to any holder of a license which expires while the holder is in military 10 service, if an application for renewal is made within one (1) year 11 12 following the service discharge of the holder.

B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless
the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing
education, as determined and approved by the Committee of Electrical
Examiners and approved by the Construction Industries Board.

C. An apprentice registration certificate or a student intern <u>apprentice</u> registration certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of the Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee. <u>A student apprentice registration expires on the last</u> <u>day of the registrant's school year.</u>

23 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1689, is 24 amended to read as follows:

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Section 1689. A. The Construction Industries Board or its designee and the Committee of Electrical Examiners shall act as the Electrical Hearing Board and shall comply with the provisions of Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 308a et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Any administrative hearing on suspensions, revocations or
fines shall be conducted by a hearing examiner appointed by the
Board. The hearing examiner's decision shall be a final decision
which may be appealed to a district court in accordance with the
Administrative Procedures Act.

C. The Electrical Hearing Board may, upon its own motion, and 11 12 shall, upon written complaint filed by any person, investigate the business transactions of any electrical contractor, journeyman 13 electrician, electrical apprentice, student electrical intern 14 apprentice or poultry house contractor license. Upon a finding by 15 clear and convincing evidence, the Board shall suspend or revoke any 16 17 license or registration obtained by false or fraudulent representation. Upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence, 18 the Board shall also suspend or revoke any license or registration 19 for any of the following: 20

Making a material misstatement in the application for a
 license or registration, or the renewal of a license or
 registration;

24 2. Loaning or illegally using a license;

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3. Demonstrating incompetence to act as a journeyman
 2 electrician or electrical contractor;

4. Violating any provisions of the Electrical License Act, or
any rule or order prescribed by the Board or any ordinance for the
installation of electrical facilities made or enacted by a city or
town by authority of the Electrical License Act;

7 5. Willfully failing to perform normal business obligations
8 without justifiable cause; or

9 6. Failing to maintain a registration or license as required by 10 law in another state while registered in this state as a nonresident 11 contractor.

D. Any person whose license or registration has been revoked by the Electrical Hearing Board may apply for a new license one (1) year from the date of such revocation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political 15 Ε. subdivision of this state that has adopted a nationally recognized 16 electrical code and appointed an inspector pursuant to the 17 provisions of Section 1693 of this title or pursuant to the 18 provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for such work shall have 19 jurisdiction over the interpretation of the code and the 20 installation of all electrical work done in that political 21 subdivision, subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors 22 Act. Provided, a state inspector may work directly with an 23 electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, electrical apprentice 24

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or student electrical intern <u>apprentice</u> in such a locality if a
 violation of the code creates an immediate threat to life or health.

In the case of a complaint about, investigation of or 3 F. inspection of any license, registration, permit or electrical work 4 5 in any political subdivision of this state which has not adopted a nationally recognized electrical code and appointed an inspector 6 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title or pursuant 7 to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for such work, the 8 9 Construction Industries Board shall have jurisdiction over such 10 matters.

No individual, business, company, corporation, 11 G. 1. 12 association or other entity subject to the provisions of the 13 Electrical License Act shall install, modify or alter electrical facilities in any incorporated area of this state which has not 14 adopted a nationally recognized electrical code and appointed an 15 inspector pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title 16 17 or pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for such work without providing notice of such electrical work to the 18 Construction Industries Board. A notice form for reproduction by an 19 individual or entity required to make such notice shall be provided 20 by the Construction Industries Board upon request. 21

22 2. Notice to the Construction Industries Board pursuant to this23 subsection shall not be required for electrical maintenance or

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replacement of existing electrical appliances or fixtures or of any
 petroleum refinery or its research facilities.

3 3. Enforcement of this subsection is authorized pursuant to the
4 Electrical License Act, or under authority granted to the
5 Construction Industries Board.

6 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1699, is 7 amended to read as follows:

Section 1699. One student electrical intern apprentice is 8 9 allowed to work per physical job site with direct supervision under a single journeyman or electrical contractor; provided, however, 10 that no such student electrical intern apprentice shall be counted 11 12 against the maximum number of apprentices who are allowed by law or 13 regulation to work under the supervision of a single journeyman or contractor. A student electrical intern apprentice is not allowed 14 to work on high voltage systems defined by the National Electrical 15 Code. 16

17 SECTION 12. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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