

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1572

By: Daniels of the Senate

and

Sims of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1682, 1686, 1688,
1689, and 1699, which relate to the Electrical
License Act; modifying definition; stating
qualifications for student apprentice registration;
authorizing student apprentice registration and
reregistration under certain conditions; clarifying
student apprentice registration expiration; updating
statutory language; updating statutory reference; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1682, is
amended to read as follows:

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

1. "Board" means the Construction Industries Board;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 9. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State
12 Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board;

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

1 factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the
2 premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the
3 equipment are required in the field;

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1686, is
23 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 3. Employed with an active licensed electrical contractor.

19 A student apprentice may not apply more than five hundred (500)
20 hours per school year toward his or her journeyman requirements.

21 C. All applications for examination, license or renewal of
22 license shall be made in writing to the Board on forms provided, if
23 necessary, by the Board. All applications shall be accompanied by
24 the appropriate fee.

1 D. Apprentices and student ~~electrical interns~~ apprentices, when
2 required by the Board, shall provide such documents, statements or
3 other information as may be necessary to submit to a national
4 criminal history record check as defined by Section 150.9 of Title
5 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 1. Making a material misstatement in the application for a
12 license or registration, or the renewal of a license or
13 registration;

14 2. Loaning or illegally using a license;

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

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

21 5. Willfully failing to perform normal business obligations
22 without justifiable cause; or
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1 6. Failing to maintain a registration or license as required by
2 law in another state while registered in this state as a nonresident
3 contractor.

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

7 E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political
8 subdivision of this state that has adopted a nationally recognized
9 electrical code and appointed an inspector pursuant to the
10 provisions of Section 1693 of this title or pursuant to the
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.

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

1 Construction Industries Board shall have jurisdiction over such
2 matters.

3 G. 1. No individual, business, company, corporation,
4 association or other entity subject to the provisions of the
5 Electrical License Act shall install, modify or alter electrical
6 facilities in any incorporated area of this state which has not
7 adopted a nationally recognized electrical code and appointed an
8 inspector pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title
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.

14 2. Notice to the Construction Industries Board pursuant to this
15 subsection shall not be required for electrical maintenance or
16 replacement of existing electrical appliances or fixtures or of any
17 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

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~~ apprentice 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.

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