

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1572

By: Daniels of the Senate

3 and

4 Sims of the House

5
6 [electricians - qualifications for certification -
7 expiration of registration - effective date]
8

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 4. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an
22 electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation,
23 alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities or
24

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

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

13 6. "Electrical facilities" means all wiring, fixtures,
14 appurtenances and appliances for, and in connection with, a supply
15 of electricity within or adjacent to any building, structure or
16 conveyance on the premises but not including the connection with a
17 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;

22 8. "Temporary journeyman electrician" means any person other
23 than a person permanently licensed as a journeyman electrician or
24

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

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

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

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,

1 structure, property or premises. Electrical work shall not mean
2 work that is related to or facilitates the construction,
3 installation or maintenance of all or part of an electrical system,
4 but which does not involve actual work with any of the electrical
5 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
10 requirements of electrical licensing of either an electrical
11 contractor or a journeyman electrician, provided the work is
12 performed in accordance with the National Fire Protection
13 Association 70 requirements for Class 2 and Class 3 circuits.

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

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.

1 B. The Construction Industries Board shall, upon proper
2 application and payment of fee, register as a student ~~electrical~~
3 ~~intern~~ apprentice and issue a certificate of such registration to
4 any person who furnishes satisfactory proof to the Board that the
5 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

9 3. Employed with an active licensed electrical contractor.

10 A student apprentice may not apply more than one thousand five
11 hundred (1,500) hours toward his or her journeyman requirements.

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.

16 D. Apprentices and student ~~electrical-interns~~ apprentices, when
17 required by the Board, shall provide such documents, statements or
18 other information as may be necessary to submit to a national
19 criminal history record check as defined by Section 150.9 of Title
20 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 SECTION 3. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 1. Making a material misstatement in the application for a
22 license or registration, or the renewal of a license or
23 registration;

24 2. Loaning or illegally using a license;

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

3 4. Violating any provisions of the Electrical License Act, or
4 any rule or order prescribed by the Board or any ordinance for the
5 installation of electrical facilities made or enacted by a city or
6 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.

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

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

1 or student ~~electrical intern~~ apprentice in such a locality if a
2 violation of the code creates an immediate threat to life or health.

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

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

22 2. Notice to the Construction Industries Board pursuant to this
23 subsection shall not be required for electrical maintenance or
24

1 replacement of existing electrical appliances or fixtures or of any
2 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 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1699, is
7 amended to read as follows:

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

17 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
18
19
20
21
22
23
24

1 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2024.

2
3 _____
4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2024.

7
8 _____
9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives