

# ARKANSAS SENATE

88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 567

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMITS TO CONDUCT INSTALLATION,  
REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK.

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### Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 567

Amend Senate Bill No. 567 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 9 and substitute the following:  
"CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF"

AND

Page 1, delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:  
"TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMIT  
TO CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION,  
OR MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK."

AND

Page 1, delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 31, Subchapter 1 is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

20-31-106. Permits to conduct construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work -- Inspections.

(a)(1) The owner or authorized agent of the owner of a property upon which the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work will occur shall obtain a permit for the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work from the county or municipality in which the property is located in a manner determined by ordinances of the county or municipality.

(2) An authorized agent under subdivision (a)(1) of this section may include a:

(A) Master electrician under § 17-28-101 constructing, installing, or performing maintenance upon electrical work on the property; and

(B) Residential building contractor under § 17-25-502 if the project is a single family dwelling.



(3)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this section, the permit shall be obtained before the commencement of the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.

(B) If construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work must be performed in an emergency situation, the application for a permit shall be submitted within one (1) business day of the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.

(4)(A) A county or municipality may charge a reasonable fee for a permit under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(B) The amount of the fee shall be established by ordinance of the county or municipality.

(5) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this section, if the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work occurs before a permit is obtained, the owner of the property upon which the electrical work occurred or the authorized agent charged with obtaining the permit shall be subject to a fine by the permitting authority of three (3) times the amount of the permit fee established under subdivision (a)(4) of this section.

(b)(1)(A)(i) Electrical wiring or conduit containing electrical wiring shall not be concealed from view until the completion of an inspection by the authority issuing the permit for the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.

(ii) An inspection under subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall not be scheduled until all joints have been made with approved connections and all pigtail connectors have been provided for hanging fixtures.

(B) The electrical wiring or conduit shall not be concealed from view until the person conducting the inspection indicates the work satisfies the statewide standards for the construction, installation, and maintenance of electrical facilities and the performance of electrical work under § 20-31-104.

(2)(A) Electricity shall not be transmitted through any electrical work for which a permit was obtained under subdivision (a)(1) of this section until the completion of a final inspection by the authority issuing the permit for the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.

(B) If the person conducting the inspection indicates the work satisfies the statewide standards for the construction, installation, and maintenance of electrical facilities and the performance of electrical work under § 20-31-104, electricity may be transmitted through the electrical work.

(3) If a person conducting an inspection under subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section notes a deficiency in the electrical work, the deficiency shall be corrected and a re-inspection shall be requested.

(4) An electrical inspection under this section shall be performed by a county or municipal electrical inspector.

(5) A county or municipality that requires any type of construction inspection shall require the inspections to include an electrical inspection performed by a county or municipal electrical inspector.

(c) This section shall not abridge the authority of the Department of Labor.

20-31-107. Installation or activation of electrical meters.

An electrical utility company shall not install or activate an electrical meter without first obtaining the approval of the county or municipality in which the property is located in a manner determined by ordinances of the county or municipality."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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