1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-020
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6	By: Senator J. Jeffress
7	Filed with: Interim Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
8	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMITS TO
11	CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF
12	ELECTRICAL WORK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15	Subtitle
16	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMIT
17	TO CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR
18	MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK.
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 31, Subchapter 1 is amended
24	to add additional sections to read as follows:
25	20-31-106. Permits to conduct construction, installation, or
26	maintenance of electrical work Inspections.
27	(a)(1) The owner or authorized agent of the owner of a property upon
28	which the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work will
29	occur shall obtain a permit for the construction, installation, or
30	maintenance of electrical work from the county or municipality in which the
31	property is located in a manner determined by ordinances of the county or
32	municipality.
33	(2) An authorized agent under subdivision (a)(1) of this section
34	<u>may include a:</u>

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1	(A) Master electrician under § 17-28-101 constructing,
2	installing, or performing maintenance upon electrical work on the property;
3	and
4	(B) Residential building contractor under § 17-25-502 if
5	the project is a single family dwelling.
6	(3)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this
7	section, the permit shall be obtained before the commencement of the
8	construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.
9	(B) If construction, installation, or maintenance of
10	electrical work must be performed in an emergency situation, the application
11	for a permit shall be submitted within one (1) business day of the
12	construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.
13	(4)(A) A county or municipality may charge a reasonable fee for
14	a permit under subdivision (a)(l) of this section.
15	(B) The amount of the fee shall be established by
16	ordinance of the county or municipality.
17	(5) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this section,
18	if the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work occurs
19	before a permit is obtained, the owner of the property upon which the
20	electrical work occurred or the authorized agent charged with obtaining the
21	permit shall be subject to a fine by the permitting authority of three (3)
22	times the amount of the permit fee established under subdivision (a)(4) of
23	this section.
24	<u>(b)(l)(A)(i) Electrical wiring or conduit containing electrical wiring</u>
25	shall not be concealed from view until the completion of an inspection by the
26	authority issuing the permit for the construction, installation, or
27	maintenance of electrical work.
28	(ii) An inspection under subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i) of
29	this section shall not be scheduled until all joints have been made with
30	approved connections and all pigtail connectors have been provided for
31	hanging fixtures.
32	(B) The electrical wiring or conduit shall not be
33	concealed from view until the person conducting the inspection indicates the
34	work satisfies the statewide standards for the construction, installation,
35	and maintenance of electrical facilities and the performance of electrical
36	work under § 20-31-104.

1	(2)(A) Electricity shall not be transmitted through any
2	electrical work for which a permit was obtained under subdivision (a)(l) of
3	this section until the completion of a final inspection by the authority
4	issuing the permit for the construction, installation, or maintenance of
5	electrical work.
6	(B) If the person conducting the inspection indicates the
7	work satisfies the statewide standards for the construction, installation,
8	and maintenance of electrical facilities and the performance of electrical
9	work under § 20-31-104, electricity may be transmitted through the electrical
10	work.
11	(3) If a person conducting an inspection under subdivisions
12	(b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section notes a deficiency in the electrical work,
13	the deficiency shall be corrected and a re-inspection shall be requested.
14	(4) An electrical inspection under this section shall be
15	performed by a county or municipal electrical inspector.
16	(5) A county or municipality that requires any type of
17	construction inspection shall require the inspections to include an
18	electrical inspection performed by a county or municipal electrical
19	<u>inspector.</u>
20	(c) This section shall not abridge the authority of the Department of
21	<u>Labor.</u>
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23	20-31-107. Installation or activation of electrical meters.
24	<u>An electrical utility company shall not install or activate an</u>
25	electrical meter without first obtaining the approval of the county or
26	municipality in which the property is located in a manner determined by
27	ordinances of the county or municipality.
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29	/s/J. Jeffress
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33	Referred by the Arkansas Senate
34	Prepared by: MBM/VJF
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