

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Garner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC
10 SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND
11 LICENSING OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE INSTALLATION
12 OF ELECTRIC SIGNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC
16 SIGNS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION
17 AND LICENSING OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE
18 INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC SIGNS.
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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 17-28-101 is amended to read as follows:*
24 *17-28-101. Definitions*

25 *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:*

26 (1) "Air conditioning electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who
27 is limited to a license classification possessing the necessary
28 qualifications, training, and technical knowledge for the installation,
29 maintenance, and extension of electrical conductors and equipment solely for
30 the purpose of supplying heating and air conditioning and refrigeration
31 units;

32 (2) "Electrical apprentice" means ~~any~~ a person whose principal
33 occupation is the learning of and assisting in the installation of electrical
34 work under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or
35 master electrician;

36 (3) "Electrical contractor" means ~~any~~ a person, member, or



1 employee of a firm, partnership, or corporation engaged in the business of
2 installing, erecting, repairing, or contracting to install, erect, or repair
3 electrical wires or conductors to be used for the transmission of electric
4 light, heat, power, or signaling purposes, or to install or repair moulding,
5 ducts, raceways, or conduits, for the reception or protection of such wires
6 or conduits, or any electrical machinery, apparatus, or systems to be used
7 for electrical light, heat, power, or signaling purposes;

8 (4) "Electrical work" means:

9 (A) Installations of electric conductors and equipment
10 within or on public and private buildings or other structures, including
11 recreational vehicles, and floating buildings; and other premises such as
12 yards, carnivals, parking and other lots, and industrial substations;

13 (B) Installations of conductors that connect to the supply
14 of electricity;

15 (C) Installations of other outside conductors on the
16 premises;

17 (5) "Industrial maintenance electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual
18 who possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge
19 to maintain and extend electrical conductors and equipment for electrical
20 power and control systems on or within industrial, manufacturing, or similar
21 type facilities. He or she shall be capable of doing such work in accordance
22 with standard rules ~~and regulations~~ governing that work;

23 (6) "Journeyman electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who
24 possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to
25 install, maintain, and extend electrical conductors and equipment. He or she
26 shall be capable of doing such work in accordance with plans and
27 specifications furnished him or her in accordance with standard rules ~~and~~
28 ~~regulations~~ governing the work;

29 (7) "Master electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who possesses
30 the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to plan,
31 layout, and supervise the installation, maintenance, and extension of
32 electrical conductors and equipment;

33 (8) "Primary residence" means an unattached single-family
34 dwelling used as the person's primary place of residence;

35 (9) "Residential journeyman electrician" means the
36 classification by which the licenses and electrical work of journeyman

1 electricians may be limited to the installation, alteration, repair,
2 maintenance or renovation of electrical facilities for one and two-family
3 dwellings; ~~and~~

4 (10) "Residential master electrician" means the classification
5 by which the licenses and electrical work of master electricians may be
6 limited to planning and supervising the installation, maintenance, and
7 extension of electrical facilities for one and two family dwellings; and

8 (11) "Specialist sign electrician" means an individual who is
9 limited to a license classification possessing the necessary qualifications,
10 training, and technical knowledge for:

11 (A) Installing, maintaining, and repairing electrically
12 illuminated or electrically operated signs and gaseous tubing for
13 illumination; and

14 (B) Making all connections to an approved outlet of
15 sufficient capacity within twenty-five (25) feet of the sign to be connected.

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17 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of Arkansas Code 17-28-203 is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 17-28-203. Examinations – Fees.

20 (a) The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas is
21 authorized to conduct examinations of persons applying for a license as a
22 master electrician, journeyman electrician, industrial maintenance
23 electrician, residential master electrician, air conditioning electrician,
24 specialist sign electrician, or residential journeyman electrician. These
25 persons shall pay fees established by the board, but in no event shall such
26 examination fees exceed the following:

- 27 (1) Master electrician\$100.00
- 28 (2) Journeyman electrician..... 100.00
- 29 (3) Industrial maintenance electrician 50.00
- 30 (4) Residential master electrician..... 100.00
- 31 (5) Residential journeyman electrician 100.00
- 32 (6) Air conditioning electrician..... 100.00
- 33 (7) Specialist sign electrician..... 100.00

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35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 17-28-301 is amended to read as follows:
36 17-28-301. Electrician’s license – Issuance and renewal – Fees.

1 (a) Individuals passing the master, journeyman, residential master,
2 residential journeyman, air conditioning electrician, specialist sign
3 electrician, or industrial maintenance electrician's examination as specified
4 in § 17-28-203 shall be issued a license of the same class as that of the
5 examination upon payment of the following fees:

- 6 (1) Master electrician\$50.00
- 7 (2) Journeyman electrician..... 25.00
- 8 (3) Industrial maintenance electrician 25.00
- 9 (4) Residential master electrician..... 50.00
- 10 (5) Residential journeyman electrician 25.00
- 11 (6) Air conditioning electrician..... 25.00
- 12 (7) Specialist sign electrician..... 25.00.

13 (b)(1) Licenses shall expire on the date indicated on the licenses.
14 Licenses shall expire on the last day of the month, one (1) year following
15 the date of the original license.

16 (2) The license may be renewed for a period of one (1), two (2),
17 or three (3) years with the fee to be as follows:

- 18 (A) Master electrician\$50.00
- 19 per year
- 20 (B) Journeyman electrician..... 25.00
- 21 per year
- 22 (C) Industrial maintenance electrician 25.00
- 23 per year
- 24 (D) Residential master electrician..... 50.00
- 25 per year
- 26 (E) Residential journeyman electrician..... 25.00
- 27 per year
- 28 (F) Air conditioning electrician 25.00
- 29 per year
- 30 (G) Specialist sign electrician..... 25.00
- 31 per year.

32 (3) Any licensee may renew his or her license within six (6)
33 months following the expiration date on the license by paying the renewal fee
34 as indicated in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.

35 (4) If a licensee shall fail to renew his or her license within
36 six (6) months after the expiration date on the license, the licensee may

1 renew his or her license by paying a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a
2 journeyman or residential journeyman electrician, ten dollars (\$10.00) for an
3 industrial maintenance electrician or air conditioning electrician, and
4 twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a master electrician or a residential master
5 electrician, in addition to the regular renewal fees.

6 (5) If the license is not renewed within one (1) year after the
7 expiration date on the license, the licensee shall be required to take
8 another examination as administered by the Board of Electrical Examiners of
9 the State of Arkansas.

10 (c) The registration fee for an electrical apprentice shall
11 be ten dollars (\$10.00) annually. Apprentice registration certificates shall
12 expire on the last day of the month, one (1) year following the date of
13 original registration.

14 (d) The board shall be authorized to issue a temporary license as a
15 master electrician or journeyman electrician which shall be valid for no more
16 than six (6) months and be renewable one (1) time only for industry projects
17 as defined in this chapter, upon submission by the applicant of the
18 following:

19 (1) A temporary license fee in the amount established by
20 subsection (a) of this section;

21 (2) A completed application on a form furnished and approved by
22 the board; and

23 (3) Evidence that the applicant holds a current license of the
24 same classification issued by another state or has otherwise met the
25 experience qualifications required under this chapter for the type of license
26 being applied for.

27 (e) Notwithstanding any restrictions in subsection (d) of this
28 section, the board may issue and renew a temporary license as a master
29 electrician or journeyman electrician for regularly scheduled or emergency
30 maintenance work or shutdowns of not longer than six (6) weeks on industry
31 projects as defined in this chapter.

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33 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 17-28-310 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows:

35 17-28-310. Grandfather clause.

36 (a) Applicants for a license ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this

1 chapter shall be exempt from the examination requirement of § 17-28-203,
2 provided that the applicant:

3 (1) Is qualified by experience requirements to take the
4 examination for a particular license classification under the provisions of
5 this chapter and the regulations of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the
6 State of Arkansas;

7 (2) Has not had a municipal electrician’s license or a state
8 electrician’s license of any classification revoked or suspended for cause;

9 (3) Submits the appropriate fee; and

10 (4) Applies for a license ~~prior to~~ before July 1, 1998.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an applicant for a
12 license ~~pursuant to~~ under this section shall be exempt from the journeyman
13 electrician examination requirement of § 17-28-203 if he or she has completed
14 electrical apprenticeship training and education ~~pursuant to~~ under a bona
15 fide apprenticeship program registered with the United States Department of
16 Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and
17 Training and he or she meets the requirements of subdivisions (a)(2) - (4) of
18 this section.

19 (c) An applicant for a specialist sign electrician license under this
20 chapter shall be exempt from the examination requirement of § 17-28-203, if
21 the applicant:

22 (1) Is qualified by experience requirements to take the
23 examination for a particular license classification under this chapter and
24 the rules of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas;

25 (2) Has not had a municipal electrician’s license or a state
26 electrician’s license of any classification revoked or suspended for cause;

27 (3) Submits the appropriate fee; and

28 (4) Applies for the specialist sign electrician license before
29 September 1, 2009.

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31 /s/ Garner
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