OKLAHOMA STATUTES
TITLE 59. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

ELECTRICAL LICENSE ACT

Section 1680. Short title

Sections 1680 through 1697 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Electrical License Act".

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 1; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 37, eff. January 1, 2002.*

Section 1681. Rules

A. The Construction Industries Board is hereby authorized to administer the Electrical License Act and exercise all incidental powers necessary and proper to implement and enforce the provisions of the Electrical License Act and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

B. The Construction Industries Board is hereby authorized to adopt, amend and repeal rules governing the examination and licensing of electrical contractors and journeymen electricians, the defining of categories and limitations for such licenses, the establishment of continuing education requirements and procedures as determined by the Committee of Electrical Examiners, the establishment and levying of administrative fines, the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, the requesting of prosecution of and initiation of injunctive proceedings against any person who violates any of the provisions of the Electrical License Act or any rule promulgated pursuant to the Electrical License Act, the establishment of bonding and insurance requirements precluding municipal requirements, the requirement of proof of possession of a Federal Tax ID Number and a State of Oklahoma Employment Security Board identification number, the registration of electrical apprentices, the establishment of a poultry house contractor license, and the standard of electrical installations.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 2; Amended by Laws 1985, HB 1267, c. 256, § 1, eff. November 1, 1985; Amended by Laws 1987, SB 261, c. 200, § 1, eff. November 1, 1987; Amended by Laws 1991, HB 1613, c. 90, § 1, emerg. eff. April 22, 1991; Amended by Laws 1993, HB 1522, c. 236, § 4, eff. September 1, 1993; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 1, eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 38, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2009, SB 1182, c. 439, § 15, emerg. eff. June 2, 2009; Amended by Laws 2015, HB 2208, § 21, emerg. eff July 1, 2015.*

Section 1681.1. Voluntary review of project plans and specifications

The Construction Industries Board shall establish by rule a process for the formal review of the plans and specifications for a project prior to bid dates for the project to ensure that the project plans and specifications are in conformance with applicable plumbing, electrical and mechanical installation codes. The rule adopted by the Board shall provide that the review shall be completed in a timely manner, not to exceed fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the submission of a completed application for review which shall be accompanied by the plans and specifications and a review fee not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) to be established by the rule. Upon completion of the review, the plans and specifications shall be returned to the applicant with

documentation indicating either approval of plans and specifications when in compliance with the applicable codes, or modifications which must be made to bring the plans and specifications into conformance with applicable codes. Submission of the plans and specifications for review by the Board shall be voluntary.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1994, SB 743, c. 293, § 4, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 39, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2010, SB 1872, c. 338, § 1, emerg. eff. July 1, 2010.*

Section 1682. Definitions

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. “Student apprentice” means any person sixteen (16) years of age or older who complies with the requirements for registration under Section 1686 of this title.

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

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 3; Amended by Laws 1985, HB 1267, c. 256, § 2, eff. November 1, 1985; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 2, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1994, SB 743, c. 293, § 5, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1998, SB 1143, c. 320, § 1, emerg. eff. May 28, 1998; Amended by Laws 1999, SB 379, c. 405, § 5, emerg. eff. June 10, 1999; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 40, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2003, SB 545, c. 318, § 11, eff. November 1, 2003; Amended by Laws 2010, SB 1872, c. 338, § 2, emerg. eff. July 1, 2010; Amended by Laws 2018, HB 2935, c. 17, § 1, eff. November 1, 2018; Amended by Laws 2021, SB 317, c. 17, § 1, eff. November 1, 2021; Amended by Laws 2024, SB 1572, c. 355, § 1, eff. November 1, 2024.*

Section 1683. Committee of Electrical Examiners—Membership—Term—Vacancies—Rules regulations and examinations—Compensation—Quorum

A. There is hereby established the Committee of Electrical Examiners which shall consist of seven (7) members. All members of the Committee shall be residents of this state.

B. Beginning January 1, 2002, as the terms of members serving on the Committee expire, six voting members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Construction Industries Board as follows:

1. One member shall be an electrical inspector selected from a list of names submitted by a statewide organization of electrical inspectors;

2. One member shall be selected from a list of names submitted by a statewide organization of electrical contractors representing union contractors;

3. One member shall be selected from a list of names submitted by a statewide organization representing builders and contractors;

4. One member shall be a journeyman wireman selected from a list of names submitted by a statewide organization of union journeymen wiremen;

5. One member shall be a journeyman wireman selected from lists of names submitted from the electrical construction industry; and

6. One member shall be selected from a list of names submitted by a statewide organization of electrical contractors representing nonunion contractors. The term of the initial appointee shall be for two (2) years.

All members shall each have at least ten (10) years of active experience as licensed electrical contractors, journeyman electricians or as an electrical inspector. No member shall be employed by the same person or firm as any other member of the Committee. The terms of members so appointed shall be staggered and shall be for two (2) years or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The nonvoting member shall be designated by the Board from its staff to serve on the Committee at the will of the Board.

C. Vacancies which may occur in the membership of the Committee shall be filled by appointment of the Board. Each person who has been appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the member he or she succeeds was appointed and until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. Members of the Committee may be removed from office by the Board for cause in the manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment.

D. The Committee shall assist and advise the Board on all matters relating to the formulation of rules and standards in accordance with the Electrical License Act. The Committee shall administer the examinations of applicants for licenses as electrical contractors or journeyman electricians provided that such examinations shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Electrical License Act. The Committee may authorize the Board to conduct tests on their behalf as the Committee deems necessary.

E. All members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. A majority of the total membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

G. The Committee shall elect from among its membership a chair, vice-chair and secretary to serve terms of not more than one (1) year ending on June 30 of the year designated as the end of the officer's term. The chair or vice-chair shall preside at all meetings. The chair, vice-chair and secretary shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Committee. The Committee shall

meet at such times as the chair or presiding officer deems necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Board.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 4; Amended by Laws 1987, SB 261, c. 200, § 2, eff. November 1, 1987; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 3, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1996, HB 2250, c. 318, § 3, emerg. eff. July 1, 1996; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 41, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2002, SB 1432, c. 457, § 7, emerg. eff. July 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2008, SB 45, c. 4, § 6, eff. November 1, 2008.*

Section 1684. Examinations for licenses

A. Examinations for licenses as electrical contractors or journeyman electricians shall be uniform and practical in nature for each respective license and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for licenses. Examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing. The Committee shall conduct examinations twice a year and at such other times as it deems necessary.

B. The maximum grade value of each part of any such examination shall be one hundred (100) points. A passing score shall be seventy percent (70%) or higher on each part. Any applicant failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 5; Amended by Laws 2024, HB 3215, c. 269, § 1, eff. November 1, 2024.*

Section 1685. Issuance of license—Qualifications—Transferability and use

A. The Construction Industries Board shall issue a license as journeyman electrician or electrical contractor to any person who:

1. Has been certified by the Committee of Electrical Examiners as either having successfully passed the appropriate examination or having a valid license issued by another governmental entity with licensing requirements similar to those provided in the Electrical License Act;

2. Has paid the license fee and otherwise complied with the provisions of the Electrical License Act; and

3. Has, when required by the Board, provided such documents, statements or other information as may be necessary to submit to a national criminal history record check as defined by Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. All licenses shall be nontransferable and it shall be a misdemeanor for any person licensed under the provisions of the Electrical License Act to loan or allow the use of such license by any other person, firm or corporation, except as specifically provided in the Electrical License Act.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 6; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 42, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2008, SB 45, c. 4, § 7, eff. November 1, 2008.*

Section 1685.1. Temporary licenses

A. Within one (1) year of the date the Governor of this state declares a state of emergency in response to a disaster involving the destruction of dwelling units, the Construction Industries Board shall issue a distinctively colored, nonrenewable, temporary journeyman electrician license which shall expire one (1) year after the date of declaration to any person who is currently licensed as a journeyman electrician by another state and who:

1. Submits, within ten (10) days of beginning journeyman electrician's work in this state, an application and fee for a journeyman electrician's examination;

2. Takes and passes the examination at the first opportunity thereafter offered by the Board; and

3. Pays a temporary journeyman electrician's license fee to be established by rule by the Board pursuant to Section 1000.5 of this title.

B. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any person from qualifying at any time for any other license by meeting the requirements for the other license.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1999, SB 379, c. 405, § 6, emerg. eff. June 10, 1999; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 43, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2002, SB 1432, c. 457, § 8, emerg. eff. July 1, 2002.*

Section 1686. Registration as electrical apprentice—Qualifications—Applications—Fees

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

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

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

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

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

2. Enrolled in high school and enrolled in a work-ready or similar program; and

3. Employed with an active licensed electrical contractor.

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

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

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

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 7; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 44, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2008, SB 45, c. 4, § 8, eff. November 1, 2008; Amended by Laws 2021, SB 317, c. 17 § 2, eff. November 1, 2021; Amended by Laws, SB 1572, c. 355, § 2, eff. November 1, 2024.*

Section 1686.1. Poultry House Contractor License

A. The Construction Industries Board is hereby authorized to establish a license category for contractors who solely perform poultry house premise wiring for environmentally controlled poultry house systems, and the insured poultry house wiring to connect the premise wiring, and who do not perform any wiring for a structure or electrical facility that is not directly involved in the operation of the environmentally controlled poultry house wiring system. In addition to other statutory authority, the Construction Industries Board shall have the power to exercise all incidental powers and duties necessary to effectuate the provisions of the poultry house contractor license, conduct investigations involving compliance with the licensing requirements, and enforce the licensing provisions of this section. However, the Construction Industries Board is not authorized to conduct an electrical code inspection of an environmentally controlled poultry house premise wiring system for purposes of compliance with electrical code installation standards established for the Electrical License Act or to issue administrative citations or fines concerning electrical code installation standards at an environmentally controlled poultry house.

1. With a valid poultry house contractor license, no further registration or license is required under this act in order to solely perform poultry house wiring for environmentally controlled poultry houses. This license allows contracting only for wiring of environmentally controlled poultry house systems and is not intended to disallow or exclude unlimited electrical contractors from performing poultry house wiring work under an unlimited electrical contractor license without a poultry house contractor license.

2. Experience under the poultry house contractor license shall not be considered qualifying electrical experience for purposes of experience requirements for application of any other electrical license category pursuant to the Electrical License Act.

3. The Board may rely upon proof of a valid construction license or registration issued by another state to expedite the processing of the required information for a poultry house contractor license; provided, the insurance and workers' compensation requirements demonstrate compliance with the required coverage for work performed in this state.

4. All licenses shall be nontransferable, and it shall be a misdemeanor for any business entity holding a poultry house contractor license under the provisions of the Electrical License Act to loan or allow the use of such license by any other person, firm or corporation, except as specifically

provided in the Electrical License Act or to engage in poultry house contractor license work without a valid license pursuant to this act.

B. A nonrefundable fee in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) for the annual poultry house contractor license shall be paid at the time of license application to the Construction Industries Board. The annual license shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance. A poultry house contractor license shall be issued for one year, at which time it may be renewed upon meeting the requirements of this section, making application, and paying the nonrefundable license renewal fee in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00).

C. The Construction Industries Board shall, upon proper application and payment of fee, license and issue a certificate of poultry house contractor license to any person who furnishes satisfactory proof to the Board that the applicant:

1. Is eighteen (18) years of age or over;

2. Is the party performing, overseeing or otherwise responsible for the poultry house contractor work performed and who meets all requirements of this act and resulting rules required to obtain such license; and

3. Has provided all necessary information and documentation required under this act, the resulting rules, and as requested by the Board.

D. The Construction Industries Board shall require the following for a poultry house contractor license:

1. The applicant's full legal name, physical address, mailing address, business name, telephone number of business and applicant, address and place of incorporation, if any, and address of legal registered service agent in this state;

2. Proof of lawful presence in the United States for the applicant and all employees and laborers working under the applicant in this state who will be involved in wiring a poultry house for environmentally controlled poultry houses;

3. A listing of the names and social security numbers of all employees and laborers working in this state who will be involved in wiring a poultry house for environmentally controlled poultry houses. The social security number information shall remain with the Board as confidential and privileged except for necessary disclosures to state agencies to verify compliance with requirements of this act or upon request by law enforcement;

4. The business entity's federal tax ID number or the employer's or owner's social security number. The employer's account number assigned by the Employment Security Commission. The social security number information shall remain with the Board as confidential and privileged except for necessary disclosures to state agencies to verify compliance with requirements of this act or upon request by law enforcement;

5. A letter of good standing from the Secretary of State in the state the contractor is domiciled and other documentation of valid license or registration from the domicile state licensing or registration board, commission or agency;

6. Disclosure of resident or nonresident contractor status, and state of residence and domicile;

7. A copy of the applicant's certificate of liability insurance shall be filed with the application and shall be not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00). Any insurance company issuing a liability policy to an applicant pursuant to the provisions of the poultry house contractor license under this act shall be required to notify the Construction Industries Board in the event such liability policy is cancelled for any reason or lapses for nonpayment of premiums. All licenses granted under this act shall be suspended on the date of the policy cancellation. The Board must receive proof of insurance prior to reinstating the license;

8. The applicant shall submit proof of satisfactory workers' compensation coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act or an affidavit of exemption or self-insurance as authorized pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act;

9. Disclosure of any felony convictions; and

10. Applicants for poultry house contractor license shall provide such additional documents, statements or other information as may be deemed appropriate or necessary and required by the Board.

E. The Construction Industries Board shall refuse to license any person if the Board determines:

1. The application contains false, misleading or incomplete information;

2. The applicant or any member of the business entity fails or refuses to provide any information requested by the Board;

3. The applicant fails or refuses to pay the required fees;

4. The applicant or owner or officer or managing member of the legal entity is ineligible for license due to a suspended or revoked license or registration in this state;

5. The nonresident applicant has a revoked or suspended registration or license required by law for contractors in another state; or

6. The applicant or legal entity has failed or refuses to submit any taxes due in this state.

F. The Board shall suspend the poultry house contractor license when the licensee fails to:

1. Maintain liability insurance coverage;

2. Maintain satisfactory workers' compensation coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act or provide an affidavit of exemption or self-insurance as authorized pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act;

3. Comply with provisions of the Electrical License Act or any rule or order issued pursuant thereto;

4. Perform normal business obligations without justifiable cause;

5. Notify the Board of a change in name, address, legal business entity, legal service agent, adverse finding by a licensing entity in this state or another state or adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction for any act or omission that is a violation of the Electrical License Act;

6. Maintain a registration or license as required by law in another state while licensed in this state as a nonresident contractor; or

7. File and pay all taxes of the contractor or legal entity when due in this state.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 2015, HB 2208. §22, emerg. eff. July 1, 2015.*

Section 1687. Repealed by Laws 2002, SB 1432, c. 457, § 12, emerg. eff. July 1, 2002

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 8; Amended by Laws 1994, c. 155, § 4, eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1999, SB 379, c. 405, § 7, emerg. eff. June 10, 1999; Repealed by Laws 2002, SB 1432, c. 457, § 12, emerg. eff. July 1, 2002.*

Section 1688. Term of license and apprentice registration certificates—Renewal or reregistration—Late renewal penalty

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

B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing education pursuant to the Electrical License Act and as determined and approved by the Committee of Electrical Examiners and approved by the Board.

C. Any license that remains expired for longer than one (1) year shall not be renewed but shall be reinstated pursuant to this subsection when compliant with all license requirements. To obtain the license formerly held, the former license holder shall be required to submit a reinstatement application provided by the Board and either retest or satisfy all of the following:

1. Submit a complete reinstatement application to the Board;

2. Pay the standard license renewal fee and a reinstatement penalty fee of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00);

3. Submit certification of completion within the preceding twelve-month period of all continuing education approved by the Committee of Electrical Examiners as follows:

a. if the applicant has satisfied the continuing education requirements required for license renewal within the preceding thirty-six (36) months, no additional continuing education shall be required, or

b. if the license has been expired for more than thirty-six (36) months, the applicant shall complete twelve (12) hours of continuing education for each full thirty-six-month period the license has remained expired, not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours; and

4. Submit an original sworn affidavit or other verification satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has not been subject to final disciplinary action that would preclude licensure and has not been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the applicant's fitness to practice as an electrician.

D. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements for license renewal for three (3) years from the date the licensee passed his or her current licensing exam.

E. A licensee whose license was reinstated through the option of completing the required hours of continuing education in lieu of retesting after being expired for more than one (1) year shall, for the first timely submitted license renewal of the reinstated license, complete the continuing education required pursuant to this section for renewing his or her license within thirty-six (36) months beginning from the date of the last verified continuing education course completed for reinstatement of an expired license.

F. An apprentice registration certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of the Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee.

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

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, Hb 1791, c. 337, § 9; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 5, eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1999, SB 379, c. 405, § 8, emerg. eff. June 10, 1999; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 45, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2002, SB 1432, c. 457, § 9, emerg. eff. July 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2003, SB 545, c. 318, § 12, eff. November 1, 2003; Amended by Laws 2008, SB 45, c. 4, § 9, eff. November 1, 2008; Amended by Laws 2021, SB 317, c. 17 § 3, eff. November 1, 2021; Amended by Laws 2024, HB 3215, c.269, § 2, eff. November 1, 2024; Amended by Laws 2024, SB 1572, c. 355, § 3, eff. November 1, 2024; Amended by Laws 2026, HB 3673, c. 312, § 1, eff. November 1, 2026.*

Section 1688.1 Continuing Education Requirement – Rules

A. 1. Effective January 1, 2026, no contractor or journeyman license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education every three (3) years or thirty-six (36) months preceding license renewal. If a license expires before the licensee completes the continuing education requirement, any continuing education that is completed while the license is expired will be applied to the continuing education requirement for the thirty-six (36) months preceding the date the license expired. Once the continuing education requirement for the expired license is met, along with any other requirements, the expired license may be renewed. Twelve (12) hours of continuing education will have to be completed in order to meet the continuing education requirement for the subsequent thirty-six-month period. The continuing education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the Committee of Electrical Examiners. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-course approval, may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written notice of the emergency is provided to the Committee, or its designee, within seven (7) days of the course. The location of continuing education courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider and may be scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the course provider. The continuing education material shall cover six (6) hours of codes and revisions adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC). The remaining six (6) hours may include the study of: electrical circuit theory and calculations, wiring methods, grounding and bonding, transformer and motor theory, electrical circuits and devices, control systems, alternative energy systems including energy storage, safety related to the electrical industry as defined by NFPA 70E, manufacturers' installation of equipment or parts, the Electrical License Act, the trade regulations as set forth in this act as well as the rules of the Construction Industries Board, and other trade subject matters approved by the Committee.

2. Effective January 1, 2026, no apprentice shall be permitted to reregister unless the apprentice registrant has completed three (3) hours of continuing education every year preceding re-registration. If a registration expires before the registrant completes the continuing education requirement, any continuing education that is completed while the registration is expired will be applied to the continuing education requirement for the year preceding the date the registration expired. Once the continuing education requirement for the expired registration is met, along with any other requirements, the apprentice is allowed to re-register after having an expired registration. Three (3) hours of continuing education will still have to be completed in order to meet the continuing education requirement for the subsequent registration year. The continuing education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the Committee. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-course approval, may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written notice of the emergency is provided to the Committee, or its designee, within seven (7) days of the course. The location of continuing education courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider and may be scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the course provider. The continuing education material shall cover a combination of the codes and revisions adopted by the OUBCC, Oklahoma electrical industry regulations as well as the rules of the Construction Industries Board, and "electrical safety" as defined by NFPA 70E, other trade subject matters approved by the Committee, or approved continuing education for the contractor or journeyman. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if an apprentice is a student apprentice or is enrolled and attending an approved course, the continuing education shall not be required.

B. The Construction Industries Board shall amend its rules, wherever applicable, to conform to the provisions of the Electrical License Act.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 2024, HB 3215, c. 269, § 3, eff. November 1, 2024; Amended by Laws 2025, HB 2084, c. 64, § 1, eff. November 1, 2025*

Section 1689. Electrical Hearing Board—Investigations—Revocation or suspension of licenses—Jurisdiction of political subdivisions

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

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

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

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

2. Loaning or illegally using a license;

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

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

5. Willfully failing to perform normal business obligations without justifiable cause; or

6. Failing to maintain a registration or license as required by law in another state while registered in this state as a nonresident contractor.

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

E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political subdivision of this state that has adopted a nationally recognized electrical code and appointed an inspector pursuant to the provisions of Section 1693 of this title or pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act for such work shall have jurisdiction over the interpretation of the code and the installation of

all electrical work done in that political subdivision, subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act. Provided, a state inspector may work directly with an electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, electrical apprentice or student apprentice in such a locality if a violation of the code creates an immediate threat to life or health.

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

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

2. Notice to the Construction Industries Board pursuant to this subsection shall not be required for electrical maintenance or replacement of existing electrical appliances or fixtures or of any petroleum refinery or its research facilities.

3. Enforcement of this subsection is authorized pursuant to the Electrical License Act, or under authority granted to the Construction Industries Board.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 10; Amended by Laws 1993, SB 135, c. 251, § 2, eff. September 1, 1993; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 6, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1994, SB 743, c. 293, § 6, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 1997, SB 25, c. 353, § 4, eff. November 1, 1997; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 46, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2008, SB 45, c. 2, § 10, eff. November 1, 2008; Amended by Laws 2015, HB 2208, § 23, emerg. eff. July 1, 2015; Amended by Laws 2021, SB 317, c. 303 § 4, eff. November 1, 2021, Amended by Laws 2024, SB 1572, c. 355, § 4, eff. November 1, 2024.*

Section 1690. License required—Violation—Penalty

A. Ninety (90) days from and after July 1, 1982, it shall be a misdemeanor for any person to perform the work of a journeyman electrician until such person has qualified and is licensed as a journeyman electrician or electrical contractor.

B. Ninety (90) days from and after July 1, 1982, it shall be a misdemeanor for any person to act as an electrical contractor or to engage in or offer to engage in, by advertisement or otherwise, the business of an electrical contractor until the person, or a member of the partnership, or an officer of the firm, association or corporation, shall have qualified and is licensed as an electrical contractor.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 11.*

Section 1691. Change of address—Notice

Any holder of a license or registration issued in accordance with the provisions of the Electrical License Act shall promptly notify the Construction Industries Board of any change in address.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 12; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 47, eff. January 1, 2002.*

Section 1692. Application and construction

A. The provisions of the Electrical License Act shall not apply to:

1. Minor repairs, consisting of repairing or replacing outlets or minor working parts of electrical fixtures;

2. Maintenance work for state and federal institutions;

3. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and renovation by a public utility regulated by the Corporation Commission;

4. Public service corporations, telephone and telegraph companies, rural electric associations or municipal utilities;

5. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and renovation of telephone equipment or computer systems by a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the telecommunications or information systems industry when such activities involve work exclusively for communication of data, voice, or for other signaling purposes; except fire alarm systems, security systems and environmental control systems that are not an integral part of a telecommunications system; or

6. The installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of water supply pumps, provided such work is performed from the output side of a fused disconnect or breaker box.

B. Nothing in the Electrical License Act shall be construed to require:

1. Employment of a licensed electrical contractor, journeyman electrician or electrical apprentice except as required by local ordinances and resolutions;

2. Any regular employee of any firm or corporation to hold a license before doing any electrical work on the property of the firm or corporation whether or not the property is owned, leased or rented except as may be required by local ordinances and resolutions; or

3. An individual to hold a license before doing electrical work on his own property or residence except as may be required by local ordinances and resolutions.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 13; Amended by Laws 1984, c. 145, § 2, emerg. eff. April 17, 1984.*

Section 1693. Municipal regulation of electrical work—Electrical inspector—Combined electrical and plumbing inspector

A. Any city or town in this state may prescribe rules, regulations and standards for the materials used and the construction, installation and inspection of all electrical work in connection with any building, structure or conveyance in such city or town provided that no electrical work shall be done without a permit first being obtained from such city or town. This permit may be issued upon such terms and conditions as the city or town may prescribe.

B. Any city or town in this state may create an office of electrical inspector whose duty it shall be to inspect all electrical installations under the jurisdiction of such city or town and to issue a certificate upon the completion of each inspection. This inspector shall have at least three (3) years of active experience in the electrical industry and shall have no interest, direct or indirect, in any firm or corporation engaged in the electrical industry.

C. Any city or town in this state, with a population in excess of four thousand (4,000) but not exceeding thirty thousand (30,000), may create an office which combines the powers and duties of the plumbing inspector and the electrical inspector. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the holder of such office must have at least three (3) years' practical experience in the plumbing industry and three (3) years' practical experience in the electrical industry. Any such city or town may, in its discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for such office if such person, within two (2) years after the date of appointment, successfully passes the examination for a license as a plumbing inspector and the examination for a license as an electrical inspector conducted by a recognized national building code or standard service.

D. Any city or town with a population of four thousand (4,000) or less may, in its discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for this office.

E. The electrical inspector may hold more than one office in the city or town appointing such person and the salary of the person shall be as determined by such city or town.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 14; Amended by Laws 1991, c. 324, § 2, emerg. eff. June 14, 1991; Amended by Laws 1995, c. 9, § 3, eff. November 1, 1995.*

Section 1694. Electrical Revolving Fund

All monies received by the Construction Industries Board under the Electrical License Act, including the administrative fines authorized by Section 1695 of this title, shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and credited to the "Electrical Revolving Fund". The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and may be budgeted and expended by the Construction Industries Board. Expenditures from this fund shall be made pursuant to the purposes of the Electrical License Act and shall include, but not be limited to, payment of operating costs and the costs of programs designed to promote public awareness of the electrical industry, and expenditures for the preparation and printing of regulations, bulletins or other documents and the furnishing of copies of such documents to those persons engaged in the electrical industry or the public, and the fully adjudicated fine revenue received into this fund may be transferred to the Skilled Trade Education and Workforce Development Fund created in subsection E of Section 1 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer

against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Historical Data: *Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 15; Amended by Laws 1993, HB 1522, c. 236, § 5, eff. September 1, 1993; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 7, emerg. eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 48, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2004, SB 1211, c. 163, § 6, emerg. eff. April 26, 2004; Amended by Laws 2010, HB 2395, c. 413, § 21, emerg. eff. July 1, 2010; Amended by Laws 2012, HB 3079, c. 304, § 281; Amended by Laws 2018, HB 1280, c. 244, § 4, eff. November 1, 2018.*

Section 1695. Violations—Fines—Injunctions

A. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Electrical License Act or any provision of an ordinance or regulation enacted by a city or town by authority of the Electrical License Act, in addition to suffering possible suspension or revocation of a license or registration, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), together with the costs of prosecution.

B. In addition to other penalties provided by law, if after a hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 1689 of this title, the Electrical Hearing Board shall find any person to be in violation of any of the provisions of this act, such person may be subject to an administrative fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for each violation. Each day a person is in violation of this act may constitute a separate violation. The maximum fine will not exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00). All administrative fines collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Electrical Revolving Fund. Administrative fines imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be enforceable in the district courts of this state.

C. The Electrical Hearing Board may make application to the appropriate court for an order enjoining the acts or practices prohibited by this act, and upon a showing by the Electrical Hearing Board that the person has engaged in any of the prohibited acts or practices, an injunction, restraining order, or other order as may be appropriate shall be granted by the court.

D. If any electrical facilities as defined in the Electrical License Act are in violation of the National Electrical Code set forth in the National Fire Code (Electrical) issued by the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA number 70, current edition, as amended, or any ordinance or other regulation of a city or town, the proper authorities of the state or political subdivision of the state, in addition to other remedies, may institute appropriate action or proceedings to prevent any illegal installation or use of such facilities, to restrain, correct or abate any violation, or to prevent illegal occupancy of a building or structure.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, HB 1791, c. 337, § 16; Amended by Laws 1993, HB 1522, c. 236, § 6, eff. September 1, 1993; Amended by Laws 1994, HB 2075, c. 155, § 8, eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 2008, SB 1578, c. 142, § 2, eff. November 1, 2008.*

Section 1696. Municipal supervision and inspection of electrical facilities

Nothing in the Electrical License Act shall prohibit cities and towns from having full authority to provide supervision and inspection of electrical facilities by the enactment of codes, ordinances,

bylaws, and rules in such form as they may determine and prescribe for their jurisdiction; provided, that no such codes, ordinances, bylaws, and rules shall be inconsistent with the Electrical License Act, or any rule adopted or prescribed by the Construction Industries Board as authorized by the Electrical License Act. Each state licensed electrical contractor shall be required to register with any city or town in whose jurisdiction the licensee operates. Each such city or town is authorized to register such electrical contractor, to revoke the registration, to
charge fees for the registration and for permits and inspections of electrical work. No electrical contractor shall be permitted to do business or work in any city or town where the local registration of the electrical contractor has been revoked.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1982, c. 337, § 17; Amended by Laws 1994, c. 155, § 9, eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 49, eff. January 1, 2002; Amended by Laws 2003, SB 545, c. 318, § 13, eff. November 1, 2003.*

Section 1697. Oklahoma State Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board

A. 1. There is hereby created the Oklahoma State Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board. The Variance and Appeals Board shall hear testimony and shall review sufficient technical data submitted by an applicant to substantiate the proposed installation of any material, assembly or manufacturer-engineered components, equipment or system that is not specifically prescribed by an appropriate installation code, an industry consensus standard or fabricated or installed according to recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices, where no ordinance or regulation of a governmental subdivision applies. If it is determined that the evidence submitted is satisfactory proof of performance for the proposed installation, the Variance and Appeals Board shall approve such alternative, subject to the requirements of the appropriate installation code. Applications for the use of an alternative material or method of construction shall be submitted in writing to the Construction Industries Board for approval prior to use. Applications shall be accompanied by a filing fee, not to exceed Fifty Dollars ($50.00), as set by rule of the Construction Industries Board.

2. The Variance and Appeals Board shall also hear appeals from contractors licensed by the Construction Industries Board, and any party who has an ownership interest in or is in responsible charge of the design of or work on the installation, who contest the Construction Industries Board's interpretation of the state's model electrical installation code as applied to a particular installation. Such appeals shall be based on a claim that:

a. the true intent of the installation code has been incorrectly interpreted,

b. the provisions of the code do not fully apply, or

c. an equal or better form of installation is proposed.

Such appeals to the Variance and Appeals Board shall be made in writing to the Construction Industries Board within fourteen (14) days after a code interpretation or receipt of written notice of the alleged code violation by the licensed contractor.

B. The Variance and Appeals Board shall consist of the designated representative of the Construction Industries Board and the following members who, except for the State Fire Marshal

or designee, shall be appointed by the Construction Industries Board from a list of names submitted by the professional organizations of the professions represented on the Variance and Appeals Board and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Construction Industries Board:

1. Two members shall be appointed from the Committee of Electrical Examiners; one shall be a contractor with five (5) years of experience and one shall be a journeyman with five (5) years of experience;

2. One member shall be a registered design professional who is a registered architect with at least ten (10) years of experience, five (5) of which shall have been in responsible charge of work;

3. One member shall be a registered design professional with at least ten (10) years of structural engineering or architectural experience, five (5) of which shall have been in responsible charge of work;

4. One member shall be a registered design professional with mechanical or plumbing engineering experience; provided, such member shall have at least ten (10) years of experience, five (5) of which shall have been in responsible charge of work;

5. One member shall be a registered design professional with electrical engineering experience; provided, such member shall have at least ten (10) years of experience, five (5) of which shall have been in responsible charge of work; and

6. One member shall be the State Fire Marshal or a designee of the State Fire Marshal. Any member serving on the Variance and Appeals Board on January 1, 2002, may continue to serve on the Variance and Appeals Board until a replacement is appointed by the Construction Industries Board.

C. Members, except the designee of the Construction Industries Board and the State Fire Marshal or the designated representative of the State Fire Marshal, and employees of the Construction Industries Board, shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act from the revolving fund created pursuant to Section 1694 of this title.

D. The Variance and Appeals Board shall meet after the Construction Industries Board receives proper application for a variance, accompanied by the filing fee, or proper notice of an appeal, as provided in subsection A of this section.

E. The designated representative of the Construction Industries Board shall serve as chair of the Variance and Appeals Board. A majority of the members of the Variance and Appeals Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 1994, c. 293, § 7, eff. July 1, 1994; Amended by Laws 2001, SB 354, c. 394, § 50, eff. January 1, 2002.*

Section 1698. Limit on Number of Apprentice Electricians

No more than three apprentice electricians shall work under the supervision of a single journeyman or contractor.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 2018, HB 2935, c. 17, § 2, eff. November 1, 2018.*

Section 1699. Student Electrical Intern Regulations

One student apprentice is allowed to work per physical job site with direct supervision under a single journeyman or electrical contractor; provided, however, that no such student apprentice shall be counted against the maximum number of apprentices who are allowed by law or regulation to work under the supervision of a single journeyman or contractor. A student apprentice is not allowed to work on high voltage systems defined by the National Electrical Code.

Historical Data: *Added by Laws 2021, SB 317, c. 175, § 5, eff. November 1, 2021; Amended by Laws 2024, SB 1572, c. 355. § 5, eff. November 1, 2024.*