

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**

HOUSE BILL 2127

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**

14 TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC  
15 SIGNS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION  
16 AND LICENSING OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE  
17 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;*



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

9           (4) "Electrical work" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36           (9) "Residential journeyman electrician" means the

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 17-28-203. Examinations – Fees.

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

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

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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 17-28-301 is amended to read as follows:

17-28-301. Electrician’s license – Issuance and renewal – Fees.

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

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

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

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

- (A) Master electrician .....\$50.00  
per year
- (B) Journeyman electrician..... 25.00  
per year
- (C) Industrial maintenance electrician ..... 25.00  
per year
- (D) Residential master electrician..... 50.00  
per year
- (E) Residential journeyman electrician..... 25.00  
per year
- (F) Air conditioning electrician ..... 25.00  
per year
- (G) Specialist sign electrician..... 25.00  
per year.

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

(4) If a licensee shall fail to renew his or her license within

1 *six (6) months after the expiration date on the license, the licensee may*  
2 *renew his or her license by paying a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a*  
3 *journeyman or residential journeyman electrician, ten dollars (\$10.00) for an*  
4 *industrial maintenance electrician or air conditioning electrician, and*  
5 *twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a master electrician or a residential master*  
6 *electrician, in addition to the regular renewal fees.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 *17-28-310. Grandfather clause.*

1 (a) Applicants for a license ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this  
2 chapter shall be exempt from the examination requirement of § 17-28-203,  
3 provided that the applicant:

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

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

10 (3) Submits the appropriate fee; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 (3) Submits the appropriate fee; and

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

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32 /s/ Garner  
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