



BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINER STATUTES

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17-1-103. Registration, certification, and licensing for criminal offenders.

(a)

(1) It is the policy of the State of Arkansas to encourage and contribute to the rehabilitation of criminal offenders and to assist them in the assumption of the responsibilities of citizenship.

(2) The public is best protected when offenders are given the opportunity to secure employment or to engage in a meaningful trade, occupation, or profession.

(b)

(1)

(A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (b)(2) of this section in determining eligibility under this section, a board, commission, department, or an agency may take into consideration conviction of certain crimes that have not been annulled, expunged, or pardoned.

(B) However, such convictions shall not operate as an automatic bar to registration, certification, or licensing for any trade, profession, or occupation.

(2) The following criminal records shall not be used, distributed, or disseminated in connection with an application for a registration, license, or certificate:

(A) Records of arrest not followed by a valid felony conviction by the courts;

(B) Convictions that have been annulled or expunged or pardoned by the Governor; and

(C) Misdemeanor convictions, except misdemeanor sex offenses and misdemeanors involving violence.

(c) The board, commission, department, or agency shall state explicitly in writing the reasons for a decision that prohibits the applicant from practicing the trade, occupation, or profession if the decision is based, in whole or in part, on conviction of a felony.

(d) For the purposes of this section, completion of the following shall be deemed prima facie evidence of sufficient rehabilitation:

(1) Probation, parole, or post-release supervision; and

(2) A period of five (5) years after final discharge or release from any term of imprisonment in the state penitentiary without any subsequent conviction.

(e) Any complaints concerning the violation of this section shall be adjudicated in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., for administrative and judicial review.

(f)

(1) This section shall apply to any board, commission, department, agency, or any other body that deals in licensing or regulating a profession, trade, or occupation in the State of Arkansas.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to make this section known to any board, commission, department, or agency affected by this section.

(g) This section shall not apply to teacher licensure or certification or nursing licensure and certification as governed by §§ 6-17-410 and 17-87-312 respectively.

17-28-101. Definitions.

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

(1) [Repealed.]

(2)

(A) “Dwelling” means a building or other structure designed and constructed for residential purposes.

(B) “Dwelling” includes a building or other structure that houses a home office or other business activity if the business activity does not require commercial-grade electric conductors or equipment.

(C) “Dwelling” does not include a mixed-use building or other structure that requires commercial-grade electric conductors or equipment for any part of the building or other structure;

(3) “Electrical apprentice” means a person 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 master electrician;

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

(5) “Electrical work” means:

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

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

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

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

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

(8) "Master electrician" means an individual who possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to plan, layout, and supervise the installation, maintenance, and extension of electrical conductors and equipment;

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

(10) "Residential journeyman electrician" means the classification by which the licenses and electrical work of journeyman electricians may be limited to the installation, alteration, repair, maintenance, or renovation of electrical facilities for:

(A) Single family dwellings;

(B) Duplexes or two-family dwellings;

(C) Triplexes or three-family dwellings; and

(D) Quadraplexes or four-family dwellings;

(11) "Residential master electrician" means the classification by which the licenses and electrical work of master electricians may be limited to planning and supervising the installation, maintenance, and extension of electrical facilities for:

(A) Single family dwellings;

(B) Duplexes or two-family dwellings;

(C) Triplexes or three-family dwellings; and

(D) Quadraplexes or four-family dwellings; and

(12) “Specialist sign electrician” means an individual who is limited to a license classification possessing the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge for:

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

(B) Making all connections to an approved outlet of sufficient capacity within twenty-five feet (25′) of the sign to be connected; and

(C)

(i)

(a) Maintaining and repairing parking lot lights, upon successfully passing a separate examination approved by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas.

(b) A specialist sign electrician may obtain a parking lot light endorsement upon passing a separate examination approved by the board.

(ii) However, maintenance and repair under subdivision (12)(C)(i) of this section shall be limited to work from the ground up to a lighting fixture that is being maintained or repaired and shall not include work underground or work to an electrical panel inside or outside of a building.

17-28-102. Construction and exemptions — Definition.

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation by any public utility, as that term is defined by § 23-1-101(9)(A), by any rural electric association or cooperative, or by any municipally owned utility, of any transmission or distribution lines or facilities incidental to their business and covered under other nationally recognized safety standards or to any other such activity when performed by any duly authorized employee, agent, contractor, or subcontractor of any such public utility, association, cooperative, or municipally owned utility;

(2) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation by any industry, as that term is defined in subsection (f) of this section, of any electric conductors or equipment or facilities incidental to their business and covered under other nationally recognized safety standards or to any other such activity when performed by any duly authorized employee of any such industry;

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

(4) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation of any nonresidential farm building or structure;

(5) The construction and manufacture of manufactured homes covered by the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5401 et seq.; and

(6) Any industry, as that term is defined in subsection (f) of this section, or group of industries under common ownership or control, with assets in this state of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) or more, provided that the exemption provided in this subdivision (a)(6) shall only apply to projects commenced between July 1, 2001, and December 31, 2003.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require an individual to hold a license before doing electrical work on his or her primary residence except as otherwise required by state law, rules, regulations, or local ordinances. The exemption from compliance with the licensing standards shall not be referred to in any way and shall not be any evidence of the lack of negligence or the exercise of due care by a party at a trial of any civil action to recover damages by any party.

(c)

(1) Any holder of a state-issued heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration, or HVACR, license may run line voltage power wiring in compliance with the state electric code from a disconnect box to an outdoor HVACR unit within a distance not to exceed seventy-five (75') feet from any point of the HVACR equipment without obtaining an electrician's license as required by this chapter.

(2) Any person licensed by the Commission on Water Well Construction pursuant to the provisions of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Act, § 17-50-101 et seq., and subject to that commission's rules and to the National Electrical Code may run power and control wiring from an existing disconnect box to water well equipment without obtaining an electrician's license as required by this chapter. Nothing in this subdivision (c)(2) shall be construed to allow a licensed water well installer or contractor to alter the existing electrical service to any building or structure.

(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as repealing, modifying, or affecting in any way the provisions of § 17-25-101 et seq.

(e) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require an employee of a hospital to hold a license in order to perform minor repairs or make minor alterations to existing electrical facilities during the normal performance of his or her duties with a hospital licensed by the Department of Health.

(f) For the purposes of this chapter, the term “industry” means manufacturing, processing and refining facilities, warehouses, distribution facilities, repair and maintenance facilities, agricultural facilities, and corporate and management offices located on industrial sites.

17-28-103. Disposition of funds.

All funds received by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited as special revenues into the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Labor and Licensing Special Fund, there to be used by the Department of Labor and Licensing in carrying out the functions, powers, and duties as set out in this chapter and to defray the costs of the maintenance, operation, and improvements required by the department in carrying out the functions, powers, and duties otherwise imposed by law on the department or the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing or his or her designee.

17-28-201. Creation — Members.

(a) There is created a Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas.

(b) The board shall consist of the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing or his or her authorized representative and eight (8) other members who shall be residents of this state appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate:

(1) One (1) member shall be the chief electrical inspector of a municipality within the state;

(2) One (1) member shall be a licensed professional engineer as defined in § 17-30-101 engaged primarily in the design or maintenance of electrical installations;

(3) One (1) member shall be an electrical contractor operating in this state;

(4) One (1) member shall be a master or supervising electrician;

(5) One (1) member shall be a representative of a public electric utility operating in this state;

(6) One (1) member shall be a representative of a private electric utility operating in this state;

(7) One (1) member shall represent the public and shall not be affiliated with any of the other groups represented on the board; and

(8) One (1) member shall represent the elderly, shall be sixty (60) years of age or older, and not actively engaged as or retired as an electrician. This member shall be appointed from the state at large, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and shall be a full voting member but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

(c) The same person may not be both the public representative and the representative of the elderly.

(d) Each appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years or until a successor is appointed.

(e) In the event of a vacancy during a term, the Governor may appoint a replacement to fulfill the unexpired portion of the term.

(f) The board shall elect one (1) of its members to act as its chair for a term of one (1) year, and he or she shall have a vote on all matters before the board.

(g) For cause and after a hearing, any appointed member may be removed from office by the Governor.

(h) Each appointed member may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

17-28-202. Duties of Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas and Department of Labor and Licensing.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas to:

(1) Adopt rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter and § 17-55-101 et seq.;

(2) At least every six (6) months, conduct examinations of persons who apply for an electrician's license and grant licenses to qualifying applicants who have paid the prescribed fee;

(3) Grant licenses to qualifying applicants for an electrical inspector's license under § 17-55-101 et seq.; and

(4) Revoke or suspend the license of any licensee or the certification of any electrical apprentice for cause.

(b)

(1) It shall be the duty of the Department of Labor and Licensing to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(2) For the enforcement of this chapter, the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing or his or her designated employees shall have the authority to enter, during normal business hours, upon any private or public premises with right of access, ingress, and egress for the purpose of ascertaining whether a person has performed electrical work or installed or repaired electrical facilities in accordance with this chapter, the Arkansas Electrical Code Authority Act, § 20-31-101 et seq., and the rules and standards adopted pursuant thereto.

17-28-203. Examinations — Fees.

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

(1) Master electrician \$100.00

(2) Journeyman electrician 100.00

(3) Industrial maintenance electrician 50.00

(4) Residential master electrician 100.00

(5) Residential journeyman electrician 100.00

(6) Specialist sign electrician with parking lot endorsement 100.00

(b) Any applicant who shall fail to pass the examination shall be permitted to take the next scheduled examination upon payment of the required fees.

17-28-204. Hearing — Appeal.

All hearings conducted by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas and all appeals taken from the decisions of the board shall comply with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

17-28-301. Electrician's license — Issuance and renewal — Fees.

(a) Individuals passing the master, journeyman, residential master, residential journeyman, 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) Specialist sign electrician with parking lot endorsement 25.00.

(b)

- (1) Licenses shall expire on the date indicated on the licenses.
- (2) The license may be renewed for a period of one (1) year 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) Specialist sign electrician with parking lot endorsement 25.00 per year.

(3) A licensee may renew his or her license following the expiration date on the license by paying:

- (A) The renewal fee under subdivision (b)(2) of this section;
- (B) A late fee equal to one (1) year of the renewal fee plus ten dollars (\$10.00) for each calendar month between the expiration date indicated on the license and the date of application for renewal; and
- (C) Any outstanding monetary civil penalty.

(4) If a licensee shall fail to renew his or her license within thirty-six (36) months after the expiration date on the license, the licensee may reinstate his or her license by retaking the examination required under § 17-28-203 and paying:

(A) The fees and any applicable penalty under subdivision (b)(3) of this section; and

(B) An additional penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(5)

(A) The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas may, after hearing, deny renewal or reinstatement of a license for cause.

(B) The applicant for renewal or reinstatement of a license may obtain a temporary license to expire on the date of his or her hearing before the board.

(6) If a person simultaneously holds an electrical inspector license and a license as a master electrician or a journeyman electrician, the person, when renewing his or her master electrician or journeyman electrician license, shall be exempt from the:

(A) Renewal fee under this section; and

(B) Continuing education requirements for master electricians and journeyman electricians under § 17-28-311.

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

(d)

(1) The board may issue a temporary license as a master electrician or journeyman electrician that is valid for no more than six (6) months and renewable one (1) time only for industry projects as defined in this chapter, upon submission by the applicant of the following:

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

(B) A completed application on a form furnished and approved by the board; and

(C) Evidence that the applicant:

(i) Holds a current license of the same classification issued by another state; or

(ii) Meets the experience qualifications required under rules promulgated by the board for a temporary master electrician or a temporary journeyman electrician.

(2) The Department of Labor and Licensing may renew a temporary license as a master electrician or journeyman electrician issued by the board for more than one (1) additional period of six (6) months, if:

(A) The renewal is for work to be performed on a specific industry project as defined in this chapter;

(B) The department determines that the additional renewal is necessary because:

(i) Actual construction will exceed one (1) year; and

(ii) An insufficient number of licensed electricians is available to perform the necessary work;

(C) The temporary license is restricted to the industry project for which it is issued; and

(D) A temporary license fee in the amount established in subsection (a) of this section is paid.

(3)

(A) The board may issue and renew a temporary license as a master electrician or journeyman electrician for regularly scheduled or emergency maintenance work or shutdowns of not longer than six (6) weeks on industry projects as defined in this chapter.

(B) An applicant for a new or renewed temporary license under subdivision (d)(3)(A) of this section shall submit the same items as are required in subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

(e) A specialist sign electrician under § 17-28-101 shall qualify for an endorsement on his or her license authorizing the licensee to maintain and repair parking lot lights upon successfully passing a separate examination as approved by the board.

17-28-302. [Repealed.]

17-28-303. License nontransferable.

No license certificates issued by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas shall be assignable or transferable.

17-28-304. License requirements.

No person shall perform electrical work in this state or display or use any title, sign, card, advertisement, or other device to indicate that the person performs electrical work or is an electrician unless the person has first obtained a license to perform electrical work pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, or the individual is exempted from licensing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

17-28-305. Local regulatory authority — Exceptions.

(a) Any individual licensed or registered under this chapter shall not be subject to examination or licensing by any city or county in order to perform electrical work.

(b)

(1) A city or town may by ordinance, rules, regulations, or contract prescribe rules, regulations, and standards for the materials used in the construction, installation, and inspection of all electrical work in the city or county, provided the rules, regulations, or standards are not in conflict with the standards prescribed by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas under § 17-28-202, § 17-55-101 et seq., and § 20-31-104.

(2) A city or county may by ordinance require a person, before doing electrical work on his or her primary residence, to demonstrate a technical competency to comply with the city or county standards.

(3) [Repealed.]

(c) Any city or county may establish by ordinance, rules, and regulations a system of permits and inspections for the installation, repair, and maintenance of electrical facilities and electrical work.

(d) An electrical inspector shall be licensed by the board under § 17-55-101 et seq.

17-28-306. Reciprocity.

The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas shall be authorized to issue licenses to those applicants holding equivalent licenses in other states, upon payment of the required fees and submission of proof of license in that state, provided an agreement has been reached with that state to recognize the electrical licenses held by Arkansas residents.

17-28-307. Restricted lifetime master and journeyman electrician license.

(a)

(1) Upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65), or any time thereafter, any person who has been a licensed master electrician or a licensed journeyman electrician licensed by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas for not less than twelve (12) years may apply for a restricted lifetime master electrician license or a restricted lifetime journeyman electrician license.

(2) This license shall be issued upon satisfactory proof of age and upon payment of a fee prescribed by the board.

(b) Any individual issued a restricted lifetime electrician license after July 28, 2021, shall complete continuing education hours as required by rule of the board for any period in which electrical work is performed for remunerative purposes, whether as an employee or an independent contractor.

(c) The board shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

17-28-308. Electrical apprentices.

(a) Upon proper application and payment of the fee, the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas shall register as an electrical apprentice and issue a certificate of registration to any person who furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant is enrolled in a school or training course for electrical apprentices certified by the United States Office of Apprenticeship.

(b) The board shall take such actions as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to supervise and enforce apprenticeship supervision ratios established by the board by rule.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, an apprentice who has successfully completed a certified school or training program and has been released for testing shall test within one (1) year of release by the Office of Skills Development.

(d) Application for an initial certificate of registration and renewal of an electrical apprentice shall be the responsibility of the school or training course for electrical apprentices certified by the United States Office of Apprenticeship in which the electrical apprentice is enrolled.

(e) The school or training course for electrical apprentices certified by the United States Office of Apprenticeship in which the electrical apprentice is enrolled shall be responsible for documenting on-the-job training hours of apprentice electricians and submitting completion of hours to the board when releasing an apprentice electrician for testing.

17-28-309. Penalties.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing or his or her designee is authorized to petition any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin or restrain any person who performs electrical work without a license or who otherwise violates the provisions of this chapter.

(b)

(1) A civil penalty may be assessed against any person, firm, or corporation by the Department of Labor and Licensing according to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., if it is determined that a person, firm, or corporation has violated any:

(A) Provision of this chapter;

(B) Provision of the Arkansas Electrical Code Authority Act, § 20-31-101 et seq.;

(C) Rule or order issued or promulgated by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas;

(D) Condition of a license, certificate, or registration issued by the board; or

(E) Licensure eligibility concerning criminal records under § 17-3-102.

(2) For each violation, the civil penalty shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day.

(3) Each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation for purposes of civil penalty assessment.

(4)

(A) Assessment of a civil penalty by the board shall be made no later than two (2) years after the date of the occurrence of the violation.

(B) No civil penalty may be assessed until the person charged with the violation has been given the opportunity for a hearing on the violation.

(5) If any person, firm, or corporation against whom a civil penalty has been imposed fails to pay the civil penalty within sixty (60) days of the board's decision, the secretary or his or her designee may file an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect the civil penalty without paying costs or giving bond for costs.

(6) Any civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited as special revenues into the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Labor and Licensing Special Fund, there to be used by the Department of Labor and Licensing in carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of this chapter.

17-28-310. [Repealed.]

17-28-311. Continuing education requirement.

(a) A journeyman electrician licensee, residential journeyman electrician licensee, master electrician licensee, or residential master electrician licensee shall complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education for the current National Electrical Code cycle in the first year of each new code cycle before renewing his or her license.

(b) If a licensee fails to obtain the required continuing education hours within a National Electrical Code cycle under subsection (a) of this section, the licensee may not renew his or her license until the licensee:

(1) Obtains the required continuing education hours and submits proof of completion of the continuing education hours to the Department of Labor as required by the rules of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas; and

(2) Pays all fees and penalties required under § 17-28-301.

(c) The board shall promulgate rules to set standards for continuing education for licensees under this section.

17-28-312. Supervision of apprentice electricians.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an apprentice electrician should be trained in a manner that:

(1) Develops the skills of the apprentice electrician;

(2) Ensures the safety of electricians and the public; and

(3) Guarantees that the work of the apprentice electrician complies with legal requirements and meets industry standards.

(b)

(1) An apprentice electrician shall not engage in electrical work unless he or she is supervised by a master electrician or a journeyman electrician.

(2) The work done and the tools and methods utilized by the master electrician, journeyman electrician, and apprentice electrician in the course of supervision shall comply with legal requirements and meet industry standards.

(3)

(A) The master electrician or journeyman electrician shall observe the work of an apprentice electrician in person at regular and reasonable intervals.

(B) The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas shall promulgate rules which determine the regular and reasonable intervals under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section in consideration of the:

(i) Nature of the work; and

(ii) Skill and experience of the apprentice electrician.

(4)

(A) The supervising master electrician or journeyman electrician shall remain within reasonable proximity of the apprentice electrician while work is being performed.

(B) The proximity of the supervising electrician to the apprentice electrician is reasonable if:

(i) The supervising electrician is:

(a) Within the line of sight of the apprentice electrician; or

(b) At the same street address at which the apprentice electrician is working; or

(ii) The job site is not a single-family residence, requires a contractor's license, and the supervising electrician is within the line of sight of the apprentice electrician.

(c) One (1) master electrician or journeyman electrician may supervise up to three (3) apprentice electricians on a single electrical job.

17-28-313. Powers of Career Education and Workforce Development Board.

The Career Education and Workforce Development Board shall have the following powers:

(1) To ensure that all persons working as apprentice electricians are properly registered;

(2) To adopt rules as to the qualifications, training, and supervision of apprentice electricians subject to the approval of the Department of Labor and Licensing; and

(3) To adopt rules establishing the roles and duties of the following organizations or officials in the electrical apprenticeship program in compliance with the Revised National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards for electrical training as approved and registered with the United States Office of Apprenticeship:

(A) The Office of Skills Development; and

(B) The State Electrical Apprenticeship Committee.

17-28-314. State Electrical Apprenticeship Committee.

(a) The Career Education and Workforce Development Board shall appoint a State Electrical Apprenticeship Committee consisting of seven (7) voting members as follows:

(1) One (1) member shall be an Arkansas state-licensed journeyman electrician;

(2) One (1) member shall be an engineer, professional or registered, with knowledge of the electrical trade;

(3) Four (4) members shall be Arkansas state-licensed master electricians; and

(4) One (1) member shall be an employer representative who employs electrical apprentices in the State of Arkansas.

(b) One (1) of the voting members shall be appointed from each congressional district, and three (3) of the voting members shall be appointed from the state at large.

(c) The Director of the Office of Skills Development or his or her designee shall serve as a nonvoting advisory member of the committee.

(d) Voting members shall serve four-year terms.

(e) The members of the committee may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

(f) The board shall prescribe committee members' qualifications and duties.

(g) The board may remove a member for cause.