

CHAPTER 71  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 180]  
ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL  
INSTALLATIONS

AN ACT Relating to electricians and electrical installations;  
amending section 5, chapter 207, Laws of 1963 and RCW 19.28-.065; amending section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1935, as last amended by section 2, chapter 88, Laws of 1967, section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., as reenacted by section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 (1969 SB 12), and RCW 19.28.120; amending section 5, chapter 169, Laws of 1935, as amended by section 4, chapter 117, Laws of 1965 ex. sess., and RCW 19.28.180; and amending section 8, chapter 169, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 3, chapter 88, Laws of 1967, and RCW 19.28.210;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 5, chapter 207, Laws of 1963 and RCW 19-.28.065 are each amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created an electrical advisory board, consisting of seven members to be appointed by the governor with the advice of the director of labor and industries as herein provided. It shall be the purpose and function of the board to advise the director on all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this chapter including, but not limited to standards of electrical installation, minimum inspection procedures, the adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the electrical inspection division: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no rules or regulations shall be amended or repealed until the electrical advisory board has first had an opportunity to consider any proposed amendments or repeals and had an opportunity to make recommendations to the director relative thereto. The members of the electrical advisory board shall be selected and appointed as follows: One member shall be an employee or officer of a corporation or public agency generating or distributing electric power; one member shall be an employee or officer of a corporation or firm engaged in the

business of making electrical installations; one member shall be an employee, or officer, or representative of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of manufacturing or distributing electrical materials, equipment or devices; one member shall be a person not related to the electrical industry to represent the public; one member shall be a recognized electrician; one member shall be a licensed professional engineer qualified to do business in the state of Washington; and one member shall be the state chief electrical inspector. Each of the members except the public member and the chief electrical inspector shall be appointed by the governor from among a list of individuals nominated by nonprofit organizations or associations representing individuals, corporations, or firms engaged in the business classification from which such member shall be selected. The regular term of each member shall be four years: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, The original board shall be appointed for the following terms: The first term of the member representing a corporation or public agency generating or distributing electric power shall serve four years; the member representing the installer of electrical equipment or appliances shall serve three years; the member representing a manufacturer or distributor of electrical equipment or devices shall serve three years; the member representing the public shall serve two years; the member selected as the recognized electrician shall serve for two years; the member selected as the licensed professional electrical engineer shall serve for one year. Thereafter, the governor shall appoint or reappoint board members for terms of four years and to fill vacancies created by the completion of the terms of the original members. The governor shall also fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise for the unexpired term of such members by appointing their successors from the same business classification. The same procedure shall be followed in making such subsequent appointments as is provided for the original appointments. The board, at this first meeting shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman. Any person acting as the

chief electrical inspector shall serve as secretary of the board during his tenure as chief state inspector. Meetings of the board shall be called at the discretion of the director of labor and industries. Each member of the board shall be paid a per diem of ~~((ten))~~ twenty-five dollars for each day or portion thereof that the board is in session and each member shall receive in addition thereto his necessary and reasonable ~~((traveling))~~ transportation and other expenses recognized by the state of Washington which shall be paid out of the electrical license fund, upon vouchers approved by the director of labor and industries.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1935, as last amended by section 2, chapter 88, Laws of 1967, section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., as reenacted by section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 (1969 SB 12), and RCW 19.28.120 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in, conduct or carry on the business of installing wires or equipment to convey electric current, or installing apparatus or appliances to be operated by such current as it pertains to the electrical industry, without having an unrevoked, unsuspended and unexpired license so to do, issued by the director of labor and industries in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. All such licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December following the day of their issue, and the fee for such license shall be one hundred dollars. Application for such license shall be made in writing to the department of labor and industries, accompanied by the required fee, and shall state the name and address of the applicant, and in case of firms, the names of the individuals composing the firm, and in case of corporations, the name of the managing officials thereof, and shall state the location of the place of business of the applicant and the name under which such business is conducted. Such a license shall grant to the holder thereof the right to engage in, conduct, or carry on, the business of installing wires or equipment to carry electric current, and installing apparatus or appliances, or install material to enclose,

fasten, insulate, or support such wires or equipment, to be operated by such current, in any and all places in the state of Washington. The application for such license shall be accompanied by a bond in the sum of three thousand dollars with the state of Washington named as obligee therein, with good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the attorney general. Said bond shall at all times be kept in full force and effect, and any cancellation or revocation thereof, or withdrawal of the surety therefrom, shall ipso facto revoke and suspend the license issued to the principal until such time as a new bond of like tenor and effect shall have been filed and approved as herein provided. Upon approval of said bond by the attorney general, the director of labor and industries shall on the next business day thereafter deposit the fee accompanying said application in the fund to be known and designated as the "electrical license fund," and the department of labor and industries shall thereupon issue said license. Upon approval of said bond by the attorney general, he shall transmit the same to the state electrical inspection division, who shall file said bond in the office, and upon application furnish to any person, firm or corporation a certified copy thereof, under seal, upon the payment of a fee of two dollars. Said bond shall be conditioned that in any installation of wires or equipment to convey electrical current, and apparatus to be operated by such current, the principal therein will comply with the provisions of this chapter and in case such installation is in an incorporated city or town having an ordinance, building code, or regulations prescribing equal, a higher or better standard, manner or method of such installation that the principal will comply with the provisions of such ordinance, building code or regulations governing such installations as may be in effect at the time of entering into a contract for such installation. Said bond shall be conditioned further that the principal will pay for all labor, including employee benefits, and material furnished or used upon such work, taxes and contributions to the state of Washington, and all damages that may be

sustained by any person, firm or corporation due to a failure of the principal to make such installation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or any ordinance, building code or regulation applicable thereto. In lieu of the surety bond required by this section the license applicant may file with the director a cash deposit or other negotiable security acceptable to the director: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, If the license applicant has filed a cash deposit, the director shall deposit such funds in a special trust savings account in a commercial bank, mutual savings bank, or savings and loan association and shall pay annually to the depositor the interest derived from such account. The provisions of this chapter relating to the licensing of any person, firm or corporation, including the requirement of a bond with the state of Washington named as obligee therein and the collection of a fee therefor, shall be exclusive and no political subdivision of the state of Washington shall require or issue any licenses or bonds nor charge any fee for the same or a similar purpose. Any person who immediately prior to the effective date of this act held a valid license as an electrician issued by any city, town or county, shall be issued a state license as an electrician when he has met either the requirements of this act or the requirements which were in effect in the city, town or county which issued such license.

Sec. 3. Section 5, chapter 169, Laws of 1935, as amended by section 4, chapter 117, Laws of 1965 ex. sess., and RCW 19.28.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person, firm, or corporation sustaining any damage or injury by reason of the breach of the conditions of said bond by the principal therein may bring an action against the surety named therein, with or without joining in said action the principal named in said bond; said action may be brought in the superior court of any county in which the principal on said bond resides or transacts business, or in the county in which the work was performed as a result of which the breach is alleged to have occurred; said action shall be maintained and prosecuted as other civil actions. No action on said bond, or

failure to bring action thereon shall waive the right of any person, firm or corporation to sue the principal named in said bond for any damage or injury sustained by reason of the failure of the principal in said bond to comply with the provisions of this chapter: Claims or actions against the surety on such bonds shall be paid in full in the following order of priority: (1) labor, including employee benefits, (2) materials and equipment used upon such work, (3) taxes and contributions due the state, (4) damages sustained by any person, firm or corporation due to the failure of the principal to make the installation in accordance with the provisions of chapter 19.28 RCW, or any ordinance, building code, or regulation applicable thereto: PROVIDED, That the total liability of the surety on any such bond shall not exceed the sum of ((two)) three thousand dollars; and any such action shall be brought within one year from the completion of the work in the performance of which the breach is alleged to have occurred.

In the event that a cash or securities deposit has been made in lieu of the surety bond, and in the event of a judgment being entered against such depositor and deposit, the director shall upon receipt of a certified copy of a final judgment, pay said judgment from such deposit.

Sec. 4. Section 8, chapter 169, Laws of 1935, as last amended by section 3, chapter 88, Laws of 1967, and RCW 19.28.210 are each amended to read as follows:

The director of labor and industries, through the inspector, assistant inspector, or deputy inspector, is hereby empowered to inspect, and shall inspect, all wiring, appliances, devices and equipment to which this chapter applies. Upon request, electrical inspections will be made by the electrical inspection department within forty-eight hours, excluding holidays, Saturdays and Sundays. If, upon written request, the electrical inspector fails to make an electrical inspection within twenty-four hours, the serving utility may immediately connect thereto, providing the necessary electrical

safe wiring label is displayed. Whenever the installation of any such wiring, device, appliance or equipment is not in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, or is in such a condition as to be dangerous to life or property, the person, firm, or corporation owning, using or operating the same shall be notified by the director of labor and industries and shall within fifteen days, or such further reasonable time as may upon request be granted, make such repairs and changes as are required to remove the danger therefrom to life or property and to make the same conform to the provisions of this chapter. The director of labor and industries through such inspector, assistant inspector or any deputy inspector, is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the discontinuance of electrical service to such conductors or apparatus as is found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition and not in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Upon making such disconnection he shall attach thereto a notice stating that such conductors have been found dangerous to life or property or not in accordance with the requirements of this chapter; and it shall be unlawful for any person to reconnect such defective conductors or apparatus without the approval of the director of labor and industries, and until the same have been placed in a safe and secure condition, and in such condition as to comply with the requirements of this chapter. The director of labor and industries, through the electrical inspector, assistant inspector, or any deputy inspector, shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter into and upon any building or premises in the discharge of his official duties for the purpose of making any inspection or test of the installation of new construction or altered electrical wiring, electrical devices, equipment or material contained thereon or therein. No electrical wiring or equipment subject to the requirements of this chapter shall be concealed until an inspection is applied for under this chapter and an inspection made and the work therein approved by the inspector making such inspection. It shall be the responsibility of those persons making electrical installations to obtain inspection and approval

from an authorized representative of the director of labor and industries as required by this chapter, prior to requesting the electric utility to connect to said installation. Electric utilities may connect such said installations if approval is clearly indicated by certification of the safe wiring label required to be affixed to each installation or by equivalent means, except that, increased or relocated services may be reconnected immediately, at the discretion of the utility, before approval, provided a safe wiring label is displayed. The labels shall be furnished upon payment to the department of labor and industries of a fee in accordance with the following schedule: For plug-in mobile homes, recreational vehicles or portable appliances, no fee; for single family residence, not more than one thousand square feet, ten dollars; for such wiring in excess of one thousand square feet but not more than two thousand square feet, twelve dollars; and for such wiring in excess of two thousand square feet, fourteen dollars. All other electrical installation fees will be as follows: Service installations of one hundred amperes or less, ten dollars; service installations in excess of one hundred amperes but not more than two hundred amperes, eighteen dollars; service installations in excess of two hundred amperes, but not more than three hundred amperes, thirty dollars; service installations in excess of three hundred amperes, but not more than four hundred amperes, forty-five dollars; service installations in excess of four hundred amperes, fifty-five dollars. Each new feeder installation shall be twenty-five percent of the fee for new service installations of like ampacity. For temporary construction service for lighting and power, three dollars. Each sign and outline lighting circuit, three dollars. All new circuits, circuit alterations and circuit extensions where service and feeder installations are existing, except in such electrical installations used for manufacturing, fabricating, assembling, finishing, packaging, or processing operations which have at all times two or more regular employees engaged solely in electrical installations or electrical maintenance work, the fee



shall be four dollars: PROVIDED FURTHER, That where circuit extensions are installed for controls and motors for central heating plants such as oil, gas, or electric furnaces the fee shall be two dollars. Fees for alterations requiring the increase or relocation of an existing service shall be as follows: Single family residence, four dollars; all other altered service installations, the fee shall be fifty percent of the fee for new service work. For yard pole meter loops, a fee of five dollars shall be charged. For each adjacent farm building other than the residence, a fee of three dollars shall be charged. Where a mobile home or a recreational vehicle service is installed in a mobile home or recreational park, the maximum fee shall be four dollars and fifty cents. Where the service is existing and a new or altered feeder is installed the fee shall be as per feeder schedule. Applications for labels shall be in writing and signed by the applicant; and labels when used by a licensed contractor shall bear the signature or seal of such contractor. The required label fees shall be paid within ten days after the completion of an electrical installation. In the event such fee is not paid in the time stated, the fees shall be double the amount specified in the above schedule.

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CHAPTER 72  
[Engrossed House Bill No. 15]  
VOTERS PAMPHLETS--FORMS FOR  
APPLICATION TO RECEIVE BALLOTS

AN ACT Relating to elections; and adding a new section to chapter 9, Laws of 1965, and to chapter 29.81 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.81 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In addition to any other contents required by this chapter, every voter's pamphlet published shall contain therein an application form for a state general election absentee ballot and during presidential election