

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a board of electrical
7 examiners; providing for the licensing of
8 electrical contractors; providing fees; and
9 providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. There is hereby created a Board of Electrical
12 Examiners which shall consist of three members all of whom shall
13 be persons who are licensed electrical contractors as hereinafter
14 defined and all appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of
15 three years, or until their successors are appointed.

16 Sec. 2. The Board shall hold a regular annual meeting and
17 may hold special meetings at the call of the chairman of the Board.
18 Two members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall issue
19 rules and regulations relating to the examination and licensing of
20 electrical contractors and the suspension or revocation of such
21 licenses. Licensing examinations, under the supervision of the
22 Board or such agency as is designated by the Governor, shall be
23 conducted at least twice during each year at any appropriate
24 places in the State.

25 Sec. 3. (a) The term "Electrical Contractor" shall mean
26 any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the busi-
27 ness of, or purporting to be engaged in the business of, installing
28 or repairing, or contracting to install or repair, any electrical
29 wiring, conduits, devices, fixtures, equipment or other electrical

1 materials for transmitting, using or consuming electrical energy.

2 (b) No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall
3 act as an electrical contractor in Alaska without first being
4 licensed by the Board.

5 (c) Application for a license, and supporting informa-
6 tion, shall be made and given in such form as the Board shall pre-
7 scribe. All applicants shall be examined to determine knowledge
8 of electrical installations and wiring, familiarity with the regu-
9 lations as laid down in the national electrical code and the
10 national electrical safety code, both as approved by the American
11 Standards Association, other installation and safety regulations
12 approved by the American Standards Association, and personal skill
13 and ability.

14 (d) Each applicant, other than an individual, shall
15 designate a supervisory employee or member to take the required
16 examination, who shall be designated as supervisor under the
17 license. No person may qualify as supervisor under more than one
18 license. If the relationship of the supervisor with the firm or
19 corporation applicant is terminated, the license shall become void
20 within ninety days unless another supervisor is qualified by the
21 Board. Licenses issued hereunder shall be valid for one year after
22 issuance, unless sooner revoked or suspended; are non-transferable
23 and may be renewed without further examination by appropriate
24 application.

25 (e) Each successful applicant for examination shall
26 receive an appropriate certificate of license which shall there-
27 after be prominently displayed, while in effect, in the holder's
28 principal place of business. Each applicant shall pay an original
29 license fee of \$100; the fee for renewal shall be \$50. Applicants

1 who have been engaged in the electrical contracting business in
2 Alaska for one year or more prior to the effective date of this
3 Act, shall upon making a satisfactory showing of qualifications to
4 the Board, be licensed without examination.

5 Sec. 4. The Board may suspend or revoke any license upon a
6 finding that:

7 (1) The application therefor is incomplete or mislead-
8 ing.

9 (2) The licensee has knowingly violated this Act or any
10 lawful rule, order or regulation of the Board.

11 (3) The licensee is incompetent, or has engaged in
12 fraudulent practices, or has committed wilful contract violations.

13 Notice of any proposed suspension or revocation of license
14 shall be given in writing, stating the grounds therefor; all
15 proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of the Administra-
16 tive Procedures Act.

17 Sec. 5. The Board may make or cause to be made any special
18 inspection or investigation into the work of any licensee which
19 may be deemed necessary, and shall have the power to issue sub-
20 poenas and process compelling the attendance of any person and the
21 production of any papers or books, for the purpose of such investi-
22 gation and examination, and shall have the power to administer
23 oaths when required, and to petition any court of this State to
24 enforce such subpoenas and process or to compel such testimony.

25 Sec. 6. This Act shall not apply to electrical departments
26 or employees of a municipality, electrical public service corpora-
27 tions, telephone or telegraph utility or businesses, the signal or
28 communications systems of a railroad or airline, radio broadcasting
29 or transmitting stations, or to persons or businesses engaged

1 solely in the manufacture or repair of electrical apparatus,
2 appliances or equipment or in the installation, maintenance or
3 repair of tabulating, punching, sorting or typing machines.

4 Sec. 7. The fact that any section, subsection, sentence,
5 clause or phrase of this Act is declared invalid for any reason,
6 shall not affect the remaining portion of this Act.

7 Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its passage and
8 approval or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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