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HOUSE BILL No. 2588

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Requested by Representative Willcott

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AN ACT concerning occupational licensing; relating to statewide licensure of electricians; providing for such licensing of electricians by the board of technical professions **state fire marshal; enacting the electrician licensing act**; amending K.S.A. **12-1526 and 12-1527**, ~~74-7003, 74-7004, 74-7005, 74-7035 and 74-7040~~ and repealing the existing sections; ~~also repealing K.S.A. 12-1525 and 12-1526.~~

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. The provisions of sections 1 through 12, and amendments thereto, as contained in this act shall be known and may be cited as the electrician licensing act.

New Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Act" means the electrician licensing act.

(b) "Board" means the electrician licensing advisory board.

(c) "Electrician," generally, or "master electrician," "journeyman electrician" or "residential electrician," specifically, means a person who is qualified to engage in the practice of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or residential electrician, respectively, and licensed by the state fire marshal to practice such respective profession and perform electrical work.

(d) "Electrical work" or "practice as an electrician" means providing, offering to provide or representing oneself as able to provide professional electrician services as a master electrician, journeyman electrician or residential electrician.

(e) "Licensee" means a master electrician, journeyman electrician or residential electrician who is licensed pursuant to this act.

(f) "Person" means a natural person or business entity.

~~New Section 1.~~ **New Sec. 3. On and after July 1, 2027, standard examinations for the determination of competency of electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyman electricians and residential electricians, as promulgated or administered, or both, by the international code council, the international association of plumbing and mechanical officials or prometric, a subsidiary of educational testing services in effect on July 1, 2008, are hereby designated as the standard examinations to be**

1 administered by ~~the board of technical professions~~ **state fire marshal** for
2 determining the qualification of persons seeking licensure from the ~~board~~
3 **state fire marshal** as electrical contractors, master electricians,
4 journeyman electricians and residential electricians. The ~~board~~ **state fire**
5 **marshal** shall administer such examinations or may designate any city or
6 county to administer such examinations as directed by the ~~board~~ **state fire**
7 **marshal**.

8 New Sec. 2-4. (a) **On and after July 1, 2027**, any city or county may
9 conduct examinations designated by section 1, and amendments thereto, if
10 and as directed by the ~~board of technical professions~~ **state fire marshal**,
11 for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for licensure
12 as ~~electrical contractors or~~ master, journeyman or residential electricians
13 and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated by the
14 ~~board~~ **state fire marshal** on such examination. The ~~board~~ **state fire**
15 **marshal** shall adopt rules and regulations:

16 (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations;
17 (2) prescribing a minimum score for passage of examinations that
18 shall not be less than 75%;

19 (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such
20 examination;

21 (4) requiring all persons receiving such license to obtain not less than
22 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing education
23 approved by the board. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours
24 annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be
25 provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade
26 association, community college, technical school, technical college or
27 other provider approved by the ~~board~~ **state fire marshal**. All hours of
28 education shall consist of training related to construction, maintenance and
29 code update training. The ~~board~~ **state fire marshal** shall not impose any
30 restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education; and

31 (5) defining the scope of practice for ~~electrical contractors and~~
32 master, journeyman or residential electricians; and

33 (6) encouraging and facilitating entry into the profession of
34 electrician through guidelines for safely obtaining experience through
35 apprenticeships under the direct supervision of licensed master,
36 journeyman or residential electricians.

37 (b) The ~~board~~ **state fire marshal** shall issue the appropriate license to
38 any applicant who successfully passes an examination designated by
39 section 1, and amendments thereto, and who demonstrates that such
40 applicant has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e)
41 and (f). The ~~board~~ **state fire marshal** shall fix a uniform fee to be charged
42 to all such applicants for such licensure.

43 (c) All new licenses issued by the ~~board~~ **state fire marshal** shall bear

1 a distinctive notation identifying the testing agency and the specific test by
2 name. The ~~board~~ **state fire marshal** may review licenses upon the basis of
3 completed continuing education as provided by subsection (a)(4). All
4 licenses renewed upon the basis of completed continuing education as
5 provided by subsection (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such
6 completion. All such licenses shall be valid in any county or city.

7 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
8 upon the basis of passing of a standard examination designated as such
9 under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes
10 Annotated, and amendments thereto, and whose certificate or license was
11 issued by a political subdivision that prescribed a minimum score of not
12 less than 70% for passing such examination; shall be required to be
13 reexamined for renewal of licensure, **nor shall any person be required to**
14 **be examined who, on or before July 1, 2027, provides to the state fire**
15 **marshal documented proof of a minimum of 8,000 hours of field**
16 **experience as defined in subsection (h) or documented proof of**
17 **completion of a registered apprenticeship program approved by the**
18 **United States department of labor.**

19 (e) Any person licensed to practice in this state as a master
20 electrician, journeyman electrician or residential electrician on July 1,
21 2026, in any city or county in this state shall thereafter continue to
22 possess the same rights and privileges with respect to such practice in
23 every city or county within this state without being required to obtain
24 a new license under the provisions of this act, subject to the power of
25 the state fire marshal to suspend or revoke such license or require
26 such person to renew such license on and after July 1, 2027, as
27 provided by this act. Renewals of such license may require completion
28 of education or training requirements as specified by the state fire
29 marshal but shall not require any examination.

30 (f) Any person licensed by a city or county as a master electrician,
31 journeyman electrician or residential electrician after July 1, 2026,
32 and before July 1, 2027, shall possess the same rights and privileges
33 with respect to such license in every city or county within this state.
34 Such license shall be subject to the provisions of this act on and after
35 July 1, 2027.

36 (g) Before issuing a residential license, the state fire marshal shall
37 verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of trade-
38 related schooling. Schooling shall consist of a minimum of 930
39 program hours documented by a certificate of completion.

40 ~~(e)(h)~~ Before issuing a journeyman ~~or residential~~ license, the ~~board~~
41 **state fire marshal** shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented
42 proof of a minimum of ~~two years~~ **8,000 hours** of field experience. "Field
43 experience" means working under the ~~direct supervision of~~ a person

1 having a valid journeyman license, ~~residential license~~ or master license or
2 attending trade related schooling. Not more than one year of such
3 requirement may be satisfied by trade-related schooling. Schooling shall
4 consist of a minimum of 930 program hours documented by a certificate of
5 completion.

6 ~~(f)~~(i) Before issuing a master license, the ~~board~~ **state fire marshal**
7 shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of having a
8 valid journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

9 **New Sec. 5. (a) There is hereby established the electrical licensing**
10 **advisory board within the office of the state fire marshal. The**
11 **electrical licensing advisory board shall consist of the following six**
12 **members who shall be residents of this state:**

13 **(1) One member to be appointed by the governor;**

14 **(2) two members to be appointed by the president of the senate;**

15 **(3) two members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of**
16 **representatives; and**

17 **(4) one member to be appointed by the state fire marshal or the**
18 **state fire marshal's designee who shall serve as an ex officio member**
19 **of the board.**

20 **(c) Each member of the board appointed under subsections (a)(1)**
21 **through (3) shall serve a term of three years or until a successor is**
22 **appointed and qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs, a successor shall**
23 **be appointed in accordance with subsection (a). The members of the**
24 **board shall elect one of the members to serve as chairperson. In**
25 **selecting appointees, the appointing authority shall consider the**
26 **experience and training of the appointee in the profession of**
27 **electrician.**

28 **(d) On and after July 1, 2027, under the direction of the state fire**
29 **marshal, the board shall oversee the administration of the statewide**
30 **electrician licensing program. The board shall advise the state fire**
31 **marshal regarding the statewide licensing of electricians and make**
32 **recommendations to the state fire marshal regarding administrative**
33 **procedures or statutory changes necessary to implement and enforce**
34 **such licensing and to facilitate the growth and development of the**
35 **profession of electrician, including, but not limited to, furthering the**
36 **recognition of such Kansas licenses in other states, development of**
37 **apprenticeship programs and development of licensure standards for**
38 **education, experience and testing. The board shall consult with**
39 **stakeholders within the profession in executing its duties. The board**
40 **shall annually review any rules and regulations adopted by the state**
41 **fire marshal pertaining to the licensing of electricians.**

42 **(e) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.**
43 **Members who are not state officers or employees and attending**

1 meetings of such board or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof
2 authorized by such board, shall be paid amounts provided in K.S.A.
3 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

4 (f) The board shall meet at least four times each year at a time
5 and place to be fixed by the state fire marshal and at such other times
6 as the state fire marshal deems necessary for the transaction of such
7 business as may come properly before the board. The state fire
8 marshal shall arrange for meeting space and provide administrative
9 support to the board.

10 New Sec. 6. (a) On and after July 1, 2027, electrical contractors
11 shall submit proof to the state fire marshal of a current insurance
12 policy issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in
13 this state that provides general liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000
14 for injury or death of any number of persons in any one occurrence,
15 with coverage of at least \$500,000 for property damage in any one
16 occurrence and proof of workers compensation insurance coverage as
17 required by Kansas law.

18 (b) Proof of such policies shall be delivered to the state fire
19 marshal with the application for a license, as required and designated
20 by the state fire marshal. A licensee shall provide the state fire marshal
21 of notice of any material alteration or cancellation of any policy at
22 least 10 days prior to the effective date of such change in the policy.

23 New Sec. 7. (a) On and after July 1, 2027, an application for a
24 license may be denied, a license may be suspended or revoked or civil
25 penalties may be assessed by the state fire marshal upon a finding that
26 one or more of the following have been committed by a person,
27 applicant or licensee:

28 (1) Any willfully false statement or willful omission as to a
29 material matter made in the process of securing a license or renewal of
30 a license. A material matter is a fact relevant to a question or line of
31 inquiry in the applicable application form or in additional inquiry of
32 the applicant by the state fire marshal that, if made known to the state
33 fire marshal, could constitute a basis for a denial of the application
34 under this act or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto;

35 (2) fraud, misrepresentation or bribery in securing a license;

36 (3) failure to maintain any requirement or to notify the state fire
37 marshal of any material alteration or change relating to any
38 requirement that is necessary to obtain or renew a license that is in
39 nature a continuing requirement, including, but not limited to,
40 insurance requirements;

41 (4) failure to have immediate personal possession of the licensee's
42 valid electrical license while performing electrical work;

43 (5) performing electrical work for which a permit is required

1 without obtaining an electrical permit;

2 (6) knowingly performing electrical work that is not in
3 compliance with building, electrical, fire prevention and other
4 applicable codes adopted by the state fire marshal or cities and
5 counties;

6 (7) intentionally charging a customer for work not performed or
7 parts not provided;

8 (8) knowingly allowing a hazardous situation to remain so that
9 the public is unduly exposed to risk of injury;

10 (9) impersonating another licensee or knowingly allowing the use
11 of the licensee's license by an unlicensed person;

12 (10) engaging in conduct intended to defraud or deceive the
13 public;

14 (11) chronic or persistent abuse of alcohol or prescription or
15 nonprescription drugs such that continued performance of electrical
16 work is dangerous to clients or the public;

17 (12) having a physical or mental disability or other condition such
18 that continued performance of electrical work is dangerous to clients
19 or to the public; and

20 (13) having a license, certificate, registration or other official
21 authorization to perform electrical work denied, limited, suspended,
22 probated or revoked in another jurisdiction on grounds sufficient to
23 cause an electrical license to be denied, limited, suspended, probated
24 or revoked in this state.

25 (b) A license may be suspended or revoked upon a finding by the
26 state fire marshal that facts and circumstances exist that require
27 suspension or revocation of the license to protect the safety of the
28 public, including, but not limited to, facts and circumstances going to
29 the competence, ability or fitness of the licensee to safely conduct the
30 work or activities permitted by the license in a manner that does not
31 risk the safety or well-being of coworkers, employees or the public.

32 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this act, no license shall be
33 suspended or revoked, nor shall any civil penalty be assessed, until
34 after a written order issued by the state fire marshal has been served
35 to the licensee who committed the violation. Such order shall state the
36 violation, the penalty to be imposed and the right of the person to
37 request a hearing as provided in the Kansas administrative procedure
38 act. The state fire marshal may issue emergency orders, including, but
39 not limited to, immediate suspensions or revocations of a license, as
40 provided by the Kansas administrative procedure act.

41 New Sec. 8. (a) On and after July 1, 2027, in addition to any other
42 penalty provided by law, the state fire marshal, upon a finding that
43 any licensee has violated, knowingly permitted a violation or

1 negligently failed to detect, report or correct a violation of any
2 provision of this act or rules and regulations adopted pursuant
3 thereto, is authorized to impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per
4 violation. Such civil penalty shall constitute an actual and substantial
5 economic deterrent to the violation for which the penalty is assessed.

6 (b) No civil penalty shall be imposed except upon the written
7 order of the state fire marshal to the person who committed the
8 violation. Such order shall state the violation, the penalty to be
9 imposed and the right of the person to request a hearing as provided
10 in the Kansas administrative procedures act.

11 (c) All fines assessed and collected under this section shall be
12 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of
13 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such
14 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the
15 state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

16 New Sec. 9. (a) Any individual, sole proprietor, firm, partnership,
17 association or corporation aggrieved by an order issued by the state
18 fire marshal pursuant to the provisions of this act may request a
19 hearing on such order within 15 days from the date of the service of
20 such order by filing such request in writing with the state fire marshal.
21 Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of
22 the Kansas administrative procedure act. The filing of a request for a
23 hearing shall not abate or operate as a stay of the effect of an
24 emergency order or an order to cease and desist or a stop work order
25 unless otherwise stated in such order.

26 (b) Except as otherwise provided, all administrative proceedings
27 by the state fire marshal under this act shall be conducted in
28 accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative
29 procedure act.

30 (c) Judicial review and civil enforcement of agency actions under
31 this act shall be in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.

32 New Sec. 10. (a) On and after July 1, 2027, the state fire marshal
33 shall be responsible for receiving and monitoring the disposition of
34 complaints received concerning the professional conduct,
35 qualifications and quality of work performed by persons and
36 licensees. The state fire marshal may require an investigation of a
37 complaint, in accordance with this section, concerning a person or
38 licensee who is alleged to have violated this act or any rules or
39 regulations adopted by the state fire marshal.

40 (b) For the purpose of facilitating the handling of complaints, the
41 state fire marshal shall devise simple, standard complaint forms
42 designed to supply the information necessary to properly investigate
43 complaints. The complainant shall produce a complaint in writing

1 before any formal action shall be taken on the complaint. The receipt
2 of the forms shall be acknowledged on behalf of the state fire marshal,
3 and the complainant shall be advised in writing of the final disposition
4 of the complaint.

5 (c) Such complaint, notice and any records relating to the
6 complaint shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the state
7 fire marshal unless ordered to be disclosed by a court of competent
8 jurisdiction. However, the state fire marshal may present the results
9 of any investigation of a complaint against a person or licensee to the
10 electrician licensure advisory board, omitting names and other
11 personal identifying information, to receive their feedback on
12 potential disciplinary measures.

13 (d) Upon receipt of a written complaint, the state fire marshal
14 may:

15 (1) Assign a complaint specially for investigation; or

16 (2) take such other action on the complaint as appears to the state
17 fire marshal to be warranted in the circumstances.

18 (e) Nothing in this section supersedes the state fire marshal's
19 statutory power to issue, suspend, revoke or renew licenses.

20 New Sec. 11. (a) Military personnel who have been called to
21 federally funded active duty for more than 120 days for the purpose of
22 serving in a war, emergency or contingency and who hold an
23 electrician license issued by the state fire marshal shall be exempt
24 from the requirement to submit a license renewal application,
25 payment of any license renewal fees and from any continuing
26 education requirements of the state fire marshal that falls within the
27 period of service or within the six months following the completion of
28 service in the war, emergency or contingency.

29 (b) The state fire marshal may accept, from a person with
30 authority to practice, continuing education, training or service
31 completed as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United
32 States, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any
33 state or the naval militia of any state toward the educational
34 qualifications to renew the person's authority to practice.

35 New Sec. 12. The electrician fee fund is hereby established in the
36 state treasury and shall be administered by the state fire marshal. The
37 state fire marshal shall remit all moneys received from fees, charges or
38 penalties assessed in accordance with this act to the state treasurer in
39 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments
40 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall
41 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the
42 electrician fee fund. All expenditures from the electrician fee fund
43 shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of

1 the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers
2 approved by the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee.

3 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 12-1526 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
4 1526. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of electricians
5 practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations
6 designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, for the
7 purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such
8 licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not
9 designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners
10 of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and
11 regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such
12 examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of
13 examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants
14 taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving
15 such license to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially or six hours
16 annually of continuing education approved by such local governing
17 body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually shall
18 consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided by
19 the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association,
20 community college, technical school, technical college or other
21 provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education
22 shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code
23 update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing
24 body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of
25 providers of such continuing education.

26 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who
27 completes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and
28 (f) and who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A.
29 12-1525, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency
30 for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of
31 the state which requires licensure of electricians practicing within
32 such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate
33 certificate to any *such* applicant—~~therefor~~ who presents such a
34 certificate of competency and who demonstrates that such applicant
35 has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and
36 (f). The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such
37 applicants for licensure.

38 (c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of
39 successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525,
40 and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying
41 the testing agency and the specific test by name. All licenses renewed
42 upon the basis of completed continuing education as provided by
43 subsection (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such

1 completion. All such licenses shall be valid in any other county or city
2 which requires examination and licensure of electricians for practice
3 in such county or city.

4 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
5 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated as
6 such under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of the Kansas
7 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and whose certificate or
8 license was issued by a political subdivision which prescribed a
9 minimum score of not less than 70% for passage of such examination,
10 shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of certification or
11 licensure.

12 (e) Before issuing a journeyman or residential certificate, the
13 issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's
14 documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. "Field
15 experience" means working under the direct supervision of a person
16 having a valid journeyman certificate, residential certificate or master
17 certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year
18 of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling.
19 Schooling shall consist of a minimum of 930 program hours
20 documented by a certificate of completion.

21 (f) Before issuing a master certificate, the issuing jurisdiction
22 shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of having
23 a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years.

24 (g) *No city or county shall issue any license pursuant to this section*
25 *on and after July 1, 2027.*

26 (h) *Licenses issued by a city or county pursuant to this section prior*
27 *to July 1, 2027, shall be effective for practice in every city or county in*
28 *this state.*

29 ~~Sec. 3.~~ **14.** K.S.A. 12-1527 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
30 1527. (a) **On and after July 1, 2027, for any city or county that**
31 **requires a certification or license for practice as a master, journeyman**
32 **or residential electrician, no person shall practice as**~~an electrical-~~
33 ~~contractor; a master, journeyman or residential electrician within the state~~
34 ~~of Kansas any such jurisdiction unless licensed by the board of technical~~
35 ~~professions state fire marshal pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 7001-~~
36 ~~et seq., and amendments thereto the electrician licensing act. Such~~
37 ~~license shall authorize practice within the scope of such license in every~~
38 ~~city or county within this state that requires licensure or certification.~~
39 ~~No city or county shall require any additional licensure requirements or~~
40 ~~fees, nor provide for any alternative licensure or certification.~~

41 (b) ~~Within their such city's or county's respective jurisdictions and~~
42 ~~subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1526 12-1527 and 74-7001 et seq.~~
43 **the electrician licensing act, and amendments thereto, any city or county**

1 may:

2 ~~(a) Utilize examinations other than those designated by K.S.A. 12-~~
3 ~~1525, and amendments thereto, for the examination of electricians for~~
4 ~~licensure to practice only within the jurisdiction of such city or county;~~

5 ~~(b)(1) Adopt and enforce such electrical codes, standards and~~
6 ~~regulations as the board of county commissioners or governing body of the~~
7 ~~city deem appropriate; and~~

8 ~~(c)(2) conduct such inspections and fix such reasonable fees therefor~~
9 ~~as the board of county commissioners or governing body of the city may~~
10 ~~prescribe.~~

11 ~~Except when authorized by reciprocal agreement between the political~~
12 ~~subdivisions involved, licenses granted upon the basis of examinations~~
13 ~~other than those designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto,~~
14 ~~shall not authorize an electrician to practice outside of the jurisdiction of~~
15 ~~the city or county granting such license.~~

16 ~~Sec. 4. K.S.A. 74-7003 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-~~
17 ~~7003. As used in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto:~~

18 ~~(a) "Agricultural building" means any structure designed and~~
19 ~~constructed to house hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural~~
20 ~~products, or for farm storage of farming implements. Such structure shall~~
21 ~~not be a place for human habitation or a place of employment where~~
22 ~~agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged, nor shall it be a~~
23 ~~building or structure for use by the public.~~

24 ~~(b) "Architect" means a person who is qualified to engage in the~~
25 ~~practice of architecture and who is licensed by the board to practice~~
26 ~~architecture as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments~~
27 ~~thereto.~~

28 ~~(c) (1) "Architecture" or "practice of architecture" means providing,~~
29 ~~offering to provide or holding oneself out as able to provide professional~~
30 ~~architectural services or performing creative work which requires~~
31 ~~architectural education, training and experience as may be required in~~
32 ~~connection with the design and construction, restoration, enlargement or~~
33 ~~alteration of non-exempt public or private buildings intended for human~~
34 ~~habitation, occupancy or use, and the spaces within and the site~~
35 ~~surrounding such buildings.~~

36 ~~(2) Professional architectural services include the following:~~
37 ~~Common technical services, as defined in subsection (g); pre-design and~~
38 ~~schematic design; programming; planning; preparing or providing~~
39 ~~architectural designs, drawings, specifications and other technical~~
40 ~~submissions; the design of items relating to building code requirements, as~~
41 ~~such items pertain to architecture; and the preparation of any architectural~~
42 ~~design features that are required on legal documents and those other~~
43 ~~professional architectural services as may be necessary for the rendering of~~

1 services which ~~that~~ have the purpose of protecting the health, safety,
2 property and welfare of the public.

3 (3) ~~The term "Architecture" or "practice of architecture" shall does~~
4 ~~not include those services specifically identified in the definition of~~
5 ~~"landscape architecture," "professional engineering," "professional~~
6 ~~geology" and "professional surveying" except for those services which~~
7 ~~that~~ are included in the term "common technical services," as defined in
8 subsection (g).

9 (d) ~~"Board" means the state board of technical professions.~~

10 (e) ~~"Building" means any permanent structure which is enclosed or~~
11 ~~partially enclosed that provides shelter for human habitation.~~

12 (f) ~~"Business entity" means a general corporation, professional~~
13 ~~corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership,~~
14 ~~corporate partnership or other legal entity created by law.~~

15 (g) ~~"Common technical services" means those services which may be~~
16 ~~offered or performed by any licensee, are performed within the licensee's~~
17 ~~defined scope of practice and are further described as follows:~~

18 (1) ~~Representation of clients in connection with contracts entered into~~
19 ~~between clients and others;~~

20 (2) ~~coordination of elements of technical submissions prepared by the~~
21 ~~licensee's consultants;~~

22 (3) ~~administration of contracts for construction;~~

23 (4) ~~observation of construction for general conformance with~~
24 ~~requirements of approved construction documents or technical~~
25 ~~submissions prepared by a licensee;~~

26 (5) ~~performing acts of consultation and technical investigation;~~

27 (6) ~~providing expert technical testimony or testimony evaluation;~~

28 (7) ~~performing technical evaluations and research;~~

29 (8) ~~teaching in a college or university offering an accredited technical~~
30 ~~professional curriculum recognized by the board;~~

31 (9) ~~providing responsible supervision of these services, insofar as~~
32 ~~such services involve safeguarding the health, safety, property and welfare~~
33 ~~of the public; and~~

34 (10) ~~preparing and providing drawings, specifications and other~~
35 ~~technical submissions.~~

36 (h) ~~"Construction administration" means the provision of technical~~
37 ~~professional services during construction by licensees, or persons under~~
38 ~~the licensee's responsible supervision, which act to confirm substantial~~
39 ~~compliance with the requirements and provisions of applicable technical~~
40 ~~documents prepared by the licensee or under the licensee's responsible~~
41 ~~supervision. Such technical professional services include, but are not~~
42 ~~limited to: Assisting with bidding or negotiation processes; reviewing and~~
43 ~~acting upon shop drawings and other submittals; providing clarification or~~

1 interpretation of the licensee's technical documents; evaluating general
2 progress of construction; observing or evaluating completed construction;
3 and assisting the client in matters related to the licensee's technical
4 professional expertise. Construction administration services do not include
5 management of, or responsibility for, the contractor's construction
6 activities, means or methods.

7 (i) ~~"Electrician," generally, or "electrical contractor," "master~~
8 ~~electrician," "journeyman electrician" or "residential electrician,"~~
9 ~~specifically, means a person who is qualified to engage in the practice of~~
10 ~~an electrical contractor, master electrician, journeyman electrician or~~
11 ~~residential electrician, respectively, and licensed by the board to practice~~
12 ~~such respective profession and perform the respective electrical work as~~
13 ~~provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto.~~

14 (j) ~~"Electrical work" or "practice as an electrician" means providing,~~
15 ~~offering to provide or representing oneself as able to provide professional~~
16 ~~electrician services as an electrical contractor, master electrician,~~
17 ~~journeyman electrician or residential electrician.~~

18 (k) ~~"Government client" means any state, county or municipal~~
19 ~~governmental entity, including, but not limited to, any department, agency,~~
20 ~~authority, planning district, board, commission, office or institution~~
21 ~~thereof, and any school district, college, university and any individual~~
22 ~~acting under authority to represent any such governmental entity.~~

23 (j)(l) ~~"Landscape architect" means a person who is qualified to~~
24 ~~engage in the practice of landscape architecture and who is licensed by the~~
25 ~~board to practice landscape architecture as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et~~
26 ~~seq., and amendments thereto.~~

27 (k)(m) (1) ~~"Landscape architecture" or "practice of landscape~~
28 ~~architecture" means performing professional landscape architectural~~
29 ~~services, including the following: Common technical services, as defined~~
30 ~~in subsection (g); consultation, planning, designing or responsible~~
31 ~~supervision in connection with the development of land areas for~~
32 ~~preservation and enhancement; the development of sustainable designs and~~
33 ~~technology; preparation, review and analysis of master plans for land use~~
34 ~~and development; production of overall site development and land~~
35 ~~enhancement plans, grading and drainage plans, irrigation plans, planting~~
36 ~~plans and construction details; specifications, cost analysis and reports for~~
37 ~~land development; and the designing of land forms and non-habitable~~
38 ~~structures for aesthetic and functional purposes, such as pools, walls and~~
39 ~~structures for outdoor living spaces, for public and private use. The~~
40 ~~practice of landscape architecture also encompasses the determination of~~
41 ~~proper land use as it pertains to: Natural features; ground cover, use,~~
42 ~~nomenclature and arrangement of plant material adapted to soils and~~
43 ~~climate; naturalistic and aesthetic values; settings and approaches to~~

1 structures and other improvements; soil conservation; erosion control; and
2 the development of outdoor space in accordance with ideals of human use
3 and enjoyment.

4 ~~(2) The term "Landscape architecture" or "practice of landscape~~
5 ~~architecture" shall does not include those services specifically identified in~~
6 ~~the definition of "architecture," "professional engineering," "professional~~
7 ~~geology" and "professional surveying" except for those services which~~
8 ~~that are included in the term "common technical services," as defined in~~
9 ~~subsection (g):~~

10 ~~(l)(n) "License" means a license to practice the technical professions~~
11 ~~granted under K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto:~~

12 ~~(m)(o) "Person" means a natural person or business entity.~~

13 ~~(n)(p) "Principal" means a person who serves in a business entity as~~
14 ~~an officer, member of a board of directors, member of a limited liability~~
15 ~~company or partner.~~

16 ~~(o)(q) "Professional engineer" means a person who is qualified to~~
17 ~~engage in the practice of engineering and who is licensed by the board to~~
18 ~~practice engineering as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and~~
19 ~~amendments thereto.~~

20 ~~(p)(r) (1) "Professional engineering" or "practice of engineering"~~
21 ~~means providing, offering to provide, or holding oneself out as able to~~
22 ~~provide professional engineering services, the adequate performance of~~
23 ~~which requires engineering education, training and experience in the~~
24 ~~application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical and~~
25 ~~engineering sciences, including the following: Common technical services,~~
26 ~~as defined in subsection (g); consulting, investigating, evaluating, planning~~
27 ~~and designing of engineering works and systems; producing engineering~~
28 ~~surveys and studies; and preparing any engineering design features which~~
29 ~~embrace such service or work, either public or private, for any utilities,~~
30 ~~structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work systems,~~
31 ~~projects and industrial or consumer products or equipment of a~~
32 ~~mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic or thermal nature, insofar as~~
33 ~~they involve safeguarding the health, safety, property or welfare of the~~
34 ~~public.~~

35 ~~(2) As used in this subsection, the term "engineering surveys"~~
36 ~~includes all survey activities required to support the sound conception,~~
37 ~~planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of engineered~~
38 ~~projects, but excludes the surveying of real property for the establishment~~
39 ~~of land boundaries, rights-of-way, easements and the dependent or~~
40 ~~independent surveys or resurveys of the public land survey system.~~

41 ~~(3) The term "Professional engineering" or "practice of professional~~
42 ~~engineering" shall does not include those services specifically identified in~~
43 ~~the definition of "architecture," "landscape architecture," "professional~~

1 geology" and "professional surveying" except for those services which
2 *that* are included in the term "common technical services," as defined in
3 subsection (g):

4 (q)(s) — "Professional geologist" means a person who is qualified to
5 engage in the practice of geology and who is licensed by the board to
6 practice geology as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments
7 thereto.

8 (r)(t) (1) — "Professional geology" or "practice of professional geology"
9 means the performing of professional geology services, including the
10 following: Common technical services, as defined in subsection (g);
11 planning or mapping, providing observation, or the responsible
12 supervision thereof, in connection with the treatment of the earth and its
13 origin and history, in general; the investigation of the earth's constituent
14 rocks, minerals, solids, fluids, including surface and underground waters,
15 gases and other materials; and the study of the natural agents, forces and
16 processes which cause changes in the earth.

17 (2) — The term "Professional geology" or "practice of professional
18 geology" shall *does* not include those services specifically identified in the
19 definition of "architecture," "landscape architecture," "professional
20 engineering" and "professional surveying" except for those services which
21 *that* are included in the term "common technical services," as defined in
22 subsection (g):

23 (s)(u) — "Professional surveyor" means any person who is engaged in
24 the practice of surveying and who is licensed by the board to practice
25 surveying as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto.

26 (t)(v) (1) — "Professional surveying" or "practice of professional
27 surveying" means providing, or offering to provide, professional surveying
28 services, including the following: Common technical services, as defined
29 in subsection (g); using such sciences as mathematics, geodesy and
30 photogrammetry; and involving the making of geometric measurements
31 and gathering related information pertaining to the physical or legal
32 features of the earth, improvements on the earth, the space above, on or
33 below the earth and providing, utilizing or developing the same into
34 survey products such as graphics, data, maps, plans, reports, descriptions
35 or projects. "Professional surveying services" also include *includes*
36 planning, mapping, assembling and interpreting gathered measurements
37 and information related to any one or more of the following:

38 (A) — Determining by measurement the configuration or contour of the
39 earth's surface or the position of fixed objects thereon;

40 (B) — determining by performing geodetic surveys the size and shape of
41 the earth or the position of any point on the earth;

42 (C) — locating, relocating, establishing, re-establishing or retracing
43 property lines or boundaries of any tract of land, road, right-of-way or

1 easement;

2 ~~(D) preparing the original descriptions of real property for the~~
3 ~~conveyance of or recording thereof and the preparation of graphics, data,~~
4 ~~maps, plans, reports, land subdivision plats, descriptions and projects that~~
5 ~~represent these surveys;~~

6 ~~(E) determining, by the use of principles of surveying, the position~~
7 ~~for any survey monument, whether boundary or non-boundary, or~~
8 ~~reference point and establishing or replacing any such monument or~~
9 ~~reference point;~~

10 ~~(F) making any survey for the division, subdivision or consolidation~~
11 ~~of any tract of land;~~

12 ~~(G) locating or laying out alignments, positions or elevations where~~
13 ~~such work is part of the construction of engineering or architectural works;~~
14 ~~and~~

15 ~~(H) creating, preparing or modifying electronic, computerized or~~
16 ~~other data relative to performance of the activities set forth in~~
17 ~~subparagraphs (A) through (G).~~

18 ~~(2) The term "Professional surveying" or "practice of professional~~
19 ~~surveying" shall does not include those services specifically identified in~~
20 ~~the definition of "architecture," "landscape architecture," "professional~~
21 ~~engineering" and "professional geology" except for those services which~~
22 ~~that are included in the term "common technical services," as defined in~~
23 ~~subsection (g).~~

24 ~~(u)(w) "Responsible charge" means the application of personal~~
25 ~~supervision and professional judgment, and the incorporation of detailed~~
26 ~~knowledge with respect to the content of a technical submission by a~~
27 ~~licensee when applying the normal standard of care for the work that such~~
28 ~~licensee is licensed to perform.~~

29 ~~(v)(x) "Standard of care" means the duty to exercise the degree of~~
30 ~~learning and skill ordinarily possessed by a reputable licensee practicing in~~
31 ~~Kansas in the same or similar locality and under similar circumstances.~~

32 ~~(w)(y) "Technical professions" includes the professions of~~
33 ~~architecture, landscape architecture, professional engineering, professional~~
34 ~~geology and professional surveying as the practice of such professions are~~
35 ~~defined in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto.~~

36 ~~Sec. 5. K.S.A. 74-7004 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-~~
37 ~~7004. (a) For the purpose of administering the provisions of this act and in~~
38 ~~order to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills and~~
39 ~~practice in the technical professions and to safeguard the health, safety,~~
40 ~~property and welfare of the public, the governor shall appoint a state board~~
41 ~~of technical professions consisting of 13 members. At least 30 days prior~~
42 ~~to the expiration of any term other than that of a member appointed from~~
43 ~~the general public, professional societies and associations which that are~~

1 respectively representative of each branch of the technical professions may
2 submit to the governor a list of three or more names of persons of
3 recognized ability who have the qualifications prescribed for board
4 members for appointment from that *such* branch of the technical
5 professions. The governor shall consider the *such* list of persons in making
6 the appointment to the board. In case of a vacancy in the membership of
7 the board, other than that of a member appointed from the general public,
8 for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the governor
9 shall appoint a qualified successor to fill the unexpired term. In making the
10 appointment, the governor shall give consideration to the list of persons
11 last submitted.

12 *(b) Within 30 days of July 1, 2026, professional societies and*
13 *associations that are representative of electrical contractors or master,*
14 *journeyman or residential electricians may submit to the governor a list of*
15 *six or more names of persons of recognized ability who have the*
16 *qualifications prescribed for such board members for appointment. The*
17 *governor shall consider such list of persons in making appointments to the*
18 *board to fulfill the two board memberships of persons engaged in practice*
19 *as electricians as provided by K.S.A. 74-7005, and amendments thereto.*
20 *Following the first appointments, such members shall be appointed*
21 *pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-7001, et seq., and amendments*
22 *thereto.*

23 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 74-7005 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
24 7005. (a) Membership of the board shall be as follows:

25 (1) Four members shall have been engaged in the practice of
26 engineering for at least eight years, which practice shall include
27 responsible charge of engineering work, and shall be Kansas licensed
28 professional engineers. At least one of such members shall be engaged in
29 private practice as an engineer. At least one of such members may also be
30 licensed as a Kansas professional surveyor, as well as a Kansas licensed
31 professional engineer.

32 (2) Two members shall have been engaged in the practice of
33 surveying for at least eight years, which practice shall include responsible
34 charge of surveying work, and shall be Kansas licensed professional
35 surveyors.

36 (3) Three members shall have been engaged in the practice of
37 architecture for at least eight years, which practice shall include
38 responsible charge of architectural work, and shall be Kansas licensed
39 architects.

40 (4) One member shall have been engaged in the practice of landscape
41 architecture for at least eight years, which practice shall include
42 responsible charge of landscape architectural work, and shall be a Kansas
43 licensed landscape architect.

1 ~~(5) One member shall have been engaged in the practice of geology~~
2 ~~for at least eight years, which practice shall include responsible charge of~~
3 ~~geology work, and shall be a Kansas licensed professional geologist.~~

4 ~~(6) Two members shall be from the general public of this state.~~

5 ~~(7) Two members shall have been engaged in practice as electricians~~
6 ~~for at least eight years, which practice shall include responsible charge of~~
7 ~~electrician work, and shall be Kansas licensed electricians.~~

8 ~~(b) Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States~~
9 ~~and a resident of this state.~~

10 ~~(c) Any amendments to this section shall not be applicable to any~~
11 ~~member of the board who was appointed to the board and qualified for~~
12 ~~such appointment under this section prior to the effective date of such~~
13 ~~enactment.~~

14 ~~Sec. 7. K.S.A. 74-7035 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-~~
15 ~~7035. The provisions of K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto,~~
16 ~~shall not apply to:~~

17 ~~(a) The work of an employee, consultant or a subordinate of a person~~
18 ~~holding a license under K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto, if~~
19 ~~such work does not include final designs or decisions, responsible charge~~
20 ~~of design and is done under the direct responsibility and supervision of a~~
21 ~~person practicing lawfully a technical profession or, except as otherwise~~
22 ~~provided pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and~~
23 ~~amendments thereto, work of an apprentice of a licensed journeyman,~~
24 ~~master or residential electrician, if such work is done under the direct~~
25 ~~responsibility and supervision of a licensed journeyman, master or~~
26 ~~residential electrician;~~

27 ~~(b) the work of any person who is exclusively and regularly~~
28 ~~employed by a single employer, provided if, such employer is not an~~
29 ~~engineering, architectural, surveying, landscape architectural or, geology~~
30 ~~firm, or electrical contractor and is not primarily engaged in the business~~
31 ~~of conveying an interest in real property, and also provided, such work is~~
32 ~~performed under an employer-employee relationship, and making surveys~~
33 ~~of land and determinations of physical property rights is performed solely~~
34 ~~in connection with the affairs of such employer or its subsidiaries and~~
35 ~~affiliates and solely for the uses, purposes and benefit of such employer,~~
36 ~~subsidiaries and affiliates; or~~

37 ~~(c) a plumbing contractor, master plumber or journeyman plumber~~
38 ~~licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1508 et seq., and amendments~~
39 ~~thereto, while performing the work that such plumber is authorized to~~
40 ~~perform pursuant to such license; or~~

41 ~~(d) an electrical contractor, master electrician, journeyman electrician~~
42 ~~or residential electrician licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1525~~
43 ~~et seq., and amendments thereto, while performing the work such~~

1 electrician is authorized to perform pursuant to such license.

2 ~~(c) For purposes of this act, public officers and employees who,~~
3 ~~within the scope of their employment and in the discharge of their public~~
4 ~~duties, provide information pertinent to or review the sufficiency of~~
5 ~~technical submissions, or who inspect property or buildings for~~
6 ~~compliance with requirements safeguarding life, health or property, are not~~
7 ~~engaged in the practice of the technical professions.~~

8 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 74-7040 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
9 7040. Any person licensed to practice the technical professions in the state
10 of Kansas at the time ~~that this act takes effect or any person licensed to~~
11 ~~practice as an electrical contractor, master electrician, journeyman-~~
12 ~~electrician or residential electrician on July 1, 2026,~~ shall thereafter
13 continue to possess the same rights and privileges with respect to the
14 practice of the technical profession for which such person is licensed, in
15 accordance with the current definition of the practice of such technical
16 profession, without being required to obtain a new license under the
17 provisions of this act, subject to the power of the board as provided in this
18 act to suspend or revoke the license of any such person for any of the
19 causes set forth in K.S.A. 74-7026, and amendments thereto, and subject
20 to the power of the board to require any such person to renew such license
21 as provided in K.S.A. 74-7025, and amendments thereto.

22 Sec.-9. **15.** K.S.A.-12-1525, 12-1526; **and** 12-1527, 74-7003, 74-
23 7004, 74-7005, 74-7035 and 74-7040 are hereby repealed.

24 Sec.-10. **16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
25 its publication in the statute book.