



State of Alabama

Electrical Contractors Board

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LAW CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2010

The Electrical Contractors Board was successful in having changes made to the current statute during the 2010 Legislative Session. These changes will allow the Board to do many things that the original statute would not allow. Act 2010-540 provides for the following:

- ✓ Further defines electrical contracting
- ✓ Require electrical licensing in jurisdictions where no licensing is currently required and allows the Board to recognize certain local examinations
- ✓ Establishes investigative authority for complaints, establishes disciplinary procedures and monetary fine limit
- ✓ Subject the Board to the Alabama Sunset Law
- ✓ Adds racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state to the membership of the board
- ✓ Adds Board immunity for acts of good faith
- ✓ Increase Board Member compensation
- ✓ Require Continuing Education
- ✓ Increase unencumbered amount to be transferred into the General Fund
- ✓ Changes executive secretary to executive director

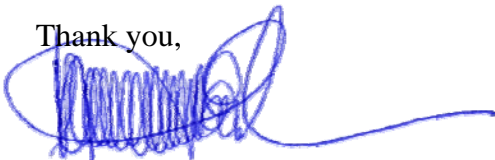
- ✓ Establishes an inactive license and restoration fee for expired licenses
- ✓ Repeals Electrical Appeals and Advisory Board (this entity has never been appointed or in existence since the inception of the original law in 1985)
- ✓ Extends the restoration period from 2 years to 5 years

This new act will not take effect until August 1, 2010. There is an enormous amount of work to be done to approve the procedures in which the Board will utilize to carry out these changes. The most significant change is the recognition of certain examinations administered by local jurisdictions. Anyone that falls in that category will have until January 1, 2012 to file an application based on their local examination without further examinations by this Board. After January 1, 2012, anyone applying for an electrical contractor license will have to pass the examination before a license is issued. The Board is not prepared at this point to begin accepting application regarding the examination waiver process until sometime in the fall of this year (2010).

This new act will also allow the Board to create an inactive status for those licensees that are not currently working in the electrical contracting industry, to choose to place their license in an inactive status at a reduced fee for as long as the licensees needs until they desire to reactivate the license. It also extends the restoration period of a license from two years to five years without any further examination. After the five year period, the license becomes null and void and the individual must reapply for licensure and pass the examination.

Act # 2010-540 is available for you to review. Please keep in mind that not all questions can be answered at this time but the Board and I will be diligently working to implement all these changes in a timely manner. If you do have a question, please email me at keith@warrenandco.com. I appreciate your assistance, cooperation and patience during this time.

Thank you,



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director