

CHAPTER 185
SENATE BILL No. 498

AN ACT concerning cities and counties; relating to licensure of certain contractors; amending K.S.A. 12-1526 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-1526 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1526. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of electricians practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; ~~and~~ (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; *and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade organization, community college, technical school or technical college. All 12 hours of education may consist of code up-date training on the code currently adopted in the county or city where licensing is being requested. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education.*

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of electricians practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such licenses shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examination and licensure of electricians for practice in such county or city.

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

(e) *Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a journeyman or residential certificate shall demonstrate documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. "Field experience" means working under the direct supervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate, residential certificate or master certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling shall consist of a minimum of 240 hours classroom training.*

(f) *Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master certificate shall demonstrate documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-1526 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.