

ing the hazard of injury to persons or property by reason of the close association or proximity of signal lines with electrical supply lines.

Sec. 15. A full and complete record shall be kept by the Commission of all proceedings had before it upon any formal investigation or hearing and all testimony received or offered shall be taken down by a stenographer appointed by the Commission and a transcribed copy of such record shall be furnished to any party to such investigation upon demand.

Sec. 16. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Act, or any rule or regulation of the Commission adopted in compliance with this Act, shall, upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Sec. 17. All Acts or parts of Acts conflicting with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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## ELECTRICIANS

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### CHAPTER 123.

(S. B. No. 141—King.)

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#### STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS.

An Act to Create a State Board of Electricians and Prescribing the Duties Thereof. Providing for the Classification, Examination and Licensing of Electricians and Electrical Workers. Prescribing Fees for Such Examination and License, and Providing for Inspection of Electrical Work Through the State Fire Marshal Under the Direction of the State Board, and to Repeal Chapter 118 of the Laws of North Dakota for 1917.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. A state board of electricians is hereby created which shall consist of three members appointed by the governor for periods of two, four and six years, respectively, and the State Fire Marshal who shall be ex-officio and secretary of the Board. The three members appointed shall consist of one Master Electrician engaged in active work, one Journeyman Electrician and one Electrical Engineer of known ability. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and from the same class to which the retiring member belonged. The Board shall select from its members a president and treasurer, prescribe rules for the management of its affairs and adopt a seal. Each member shall receive five dollars (\$5.00) per day for actual services rendered, and in addition thereto, actual expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The Board shall meet at the Capitol on or about the first Monday in January and July of each year for the purpose of conducting examination and considering such other matters as may be brought before them, or at any other time or place within the state upon ten days notice from the secretary.

Sec. 2. There shall be a Master, Journeyman and Special Electrician, and in the last class shall be included persons employed to operate moving picture machines and switch boards in all buildings used for public assemblages, provided, however, that not more than one special electrician shall be employed except under the direction of a journeyman electrician. Every person not already a licensed electrician who shall hereinafter engage in the occupation of installing or repairing electrical wires or apparatus which are being or have been installed inside a building shall apply to the Board for a license. The Board shall examine the applicant and if he be found upon technical or practical examination to be possessed of the required skill and knowledge of the business and reasonably versed in the laws of electricity shall issue him a license to engage in such business for a period of two years, signed by the President and Secretary and attested by the seal. The Board shall, upon the recommendation of one master electrician and two journeyman electricians, issue a permit for a journeyman electrician to engage in his trade until the next meeting of the Board for the examination of applicants, such permit to be not renewable. The employees of interstate telephone and telegraph companies shall not be required to hold licenses to engage in such work as pertains to the telephone and telegraph business. Every licensee shall report his licensing and the renewal thereof to the proper electrical inspector, if any there be in the city in which he operates. Holders of journeyman and special electrician's licenses shall be furnished with a duplicate of such license printed or engraved on a card two and one-half by four inches, which the holder shall produce on lawful demand. For cause and after hearing all interested parties the Board may revoke such license and shall notify the city inspector of such revocation. Licenses shall be renewed without examination on applications accompanied by proper fee.

Sec. 3. All expenses incurred by the secretary in conducting the business of his office including traveling expenses, when engaged upon the business of the Board, shall be allowed and paid by the Board.

Section 4. Every applicant for a master electrician's license shall pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) and take oath that he has had three years' experience in the occupation, or if a corporation applies an officer or manager thereof, shall make application and take such oath, after being duly examined as a master electrician. An applicant for a journeyman's license shall pay a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) and take oath that he has

had three years experience in installing and repairing of electrical wires and apparatus. An applicant for a special electrician's license shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) and take oath that he has had two years experience in the line of work for which he asks license, and which shall be set forth in the application. No contract for the installation or repairing of electrical wires or apparatus shall be entered into by any one not a licensed master electrician. Any electrician or corporation engaged in the business prior to the adoption of this law shall apply within sixty days after the taking effect thereof to the Board for a license which shall be granted them upon passing the required examination as provided by this Act, and payment of the proper fee, provided, however, that no master's license shall be issued under the provisions of this clause unless the applicant have in his employ at the time application is made, not less than one journeyman electrician and a place of business. A master electrician will not be deemed to have a place of business unless a sign bearing his name and business be publicly exposed at the premises occupied by him for that purpose. No journeyman electrician shall at any time employ another workman without first taking the proper examination and securing a master's license. The Board shall make the examinations consistent with the class of license requested.

Before receiving the license, the master electrician applying for same shall execute and deposit with the secretary of the Board a surety bond in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of all work entered upon or contracted for by him and for the strict compliance by him with all the provisions and requirements of the Board relating to the installing and maintenance of electric wires, and apparatus. Provided, however, in cities requiring such bond, this Section shall be inoperative.

Any person doing electrical work, as provided for in this Act, shall report same to the Secretary of the State Board on blanks furnished by him for such purpose.

Sec. 5. Nothing in this Act shall prevent a person from serving as an apprentice under a licensed electrician, and no master electrician shall allow an apprentice to work at any installation unless such apprentice is working with a licensed electrician on the job.

Sec. 6. The State Fire Marshal and each member of the Board are hereby made state electrical inspectors and it shall be their duty to provide for the inspection of such electrical installation and material as they may be called upon to approve according to the rules of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. If upon proper inspection it is found that such installation or material does not comply with the above mentioned rules, the inspector shall condemn such installation or material and order such changes made that are necessary. No condemned installation shall be al-

lowed to be used until such changes ordered by the inspector have been complied with, and such changes approved by him. The State Fire Marshal shall approve the appointment of local inspectors in cities and villages throughout the state. He may at any time order the removal of any local inspector for cause. Any of the state inspectors may condemn any electrical work found in a dangerous condition. All cities and villages may make provision for inspection by competent persons of all electrical work done within the confines of such city or village. Such local inspectors shall register their names with the Secretary of the State Board within ten days after their appointment. Fees may be charged to cover the cost of inspection, such fees are to be paid to the inspector by the contractor. All fees collected for applications under the provisions of this Act shall be used solely for the purpose of furthering the improvements of the grade of electrical construction within the state, as directed by the State Board, said Board to report to the Governor at the close of the fiscal year, as provided by law, showing the receipts and disbursements for the preceding year. Any person who interferes or violates any provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 7. Any person who shall engage as a profession in the installing or repairing of electrical wires or apparatus or the operating of moving picture machines or switch boards without having complied with the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the minimum punishment whereof shall be a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in the discretion of the court. Any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be reported to the State's Attorney in the county in which said violation occurs.

Sec. 8. REPEAL.) That Chapter 118 of the Laws of North Dakota for the year 1917 is hereby repealed.

Approved March 7, 1919.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD

### CHAPTER 124.

(S. B. No. 39—Committee Taxes and Tax Laws.)

#### STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 2141. Compiled Laws of North Dakota, 1913, Creating a State Board of Equalization, and Prescribing its Powers and Duties.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 2141 of the Compiled