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SYNOPSIS:

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors licenses electrical contractors and journeyman electricians.

This bill would extend the terms of officers of the board.

Under existing law, the board may employ an investigator to investigate complaints.

This bill would authorize the board to employ compliance officers to investigate consumer complaints against a licensee.

Under existing law, a licensee of the board is required to display his or her license in a conspicuous manner at his or her principal place of business.

This bill would require every licensee to display the contractor's certification number and company name on all documentation, advertising, and service vehicles used in conjunction with electrical contracting.

This bill would authorize the board to adopt and publish minimum installation, repair, and service standards and require the board to provide at least 30 days' notice to licensees before a standard becomes effective.

This bill would require a licensee to follow the



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29 electrical code standards of his or her local  
30 jurisdiction if the local jurisdiction has adopted and  
31 enforces an electrical code.

32 This bill would also make nonsubstantive,  
33 technical revisions to update the existing code  
34 language to current style.

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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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41 Relating to the Alabama Board of Electrical  
42 Contractors; to amend Sections 34-36-3, 34-36-4, and 34-36-12,  
43 Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the term of  
44 officers of the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors; to  
45 authorize the board to employ compliance officers; to further  
46 provide for the display requirements of a contractor's  
47 certification number; to add Section 34-36-19 to the Code of  
48 Alabama 1975; to authorize the board to adopt and publish  
49 minimum installation, repair, and service standards and  
50 provide notice requirements; to require licensees to follow  
51 local electrical code standards in certain circumstances; and  
52 to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the  
53 existing code language to current style.

54 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

55 Section 1. Sections 34-36-3, 34-36-4, and 34-36-12,  
56 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:



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57 "§34-36-3

58 ~~The~~For the purposes of this chapter, the following  
59 terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings ~~respectively ascribed~~  
60 ~~to them used in this chapter, for the purposes of this~~  
61 ~~chapter, unless the context clearly requires a different~~  
62 ~~meaning:~~

63 (1) BOARD. The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors.

64 (2) COMPLIANCE OFFICER. An employee of the board who,  
65 based upon a complaint, conducts the necessary activities to  
66 determine the validity of the complaint and the extent to  
67 which a violation of the codes and standards adopted by the  
68 board has occurred.

69 (3) DIRECTOR. The Executive Director of the Alabama  
70 Board of Electrical Contractors.

71 ~~(3)~~ (4) ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING. Any job or project in  
72 the State of Alabama wherein the electrical contractor  
73 proposes to bid, install, maintain, alter, or repair any  
74 electric wiring devices or equipment.

75 ~~(4)~~ (5) ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR. Any person, firm, or  
76 corporation who is engaged in the business of soliciting and  
77 installing electrical power or control systems; and  
78 maintaining, altering, or repairing electrical power or  
79 control systems, any electrical wiring devices, equipment, or  
80 any other electrical apparatus. A person who possesses the  
81 necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to  
82 plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of electrical  
83 wiring, apparatus, or equipment for lighting, heating, power,  
84 or controls and who possesses any of the following



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85 qualifications:

86 a. Four years of practical experience as a journeyman  
87 electrician in charge of jobs.

88 b. Four years of experience in the design and  
89 construction of electrical systems.

90 (6) ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR. A person hired to perform  
91 electrical code compliance observations throughout the  
92 installation, replacement, or repair of any electrical system  
93 or component.

94 ~~(5)~~ (7) JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN. A person who possesses  
95 necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to  
96 install electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment lighting,  
97 heating, or power or control covered by this chapter. He or  
98 she shall work under a master or ~~state~~  
99 ~~certified~~ state-certified electrical contractor and shall be  
100 capable of doing work according to plans and specifications  
101 furnished to him or her and in accordance with standard rules  
102 and regulations governing such work.

103 ~~(6)~~ (8) LICENSE. A valid and current certificate of  
104 registration issued by the director on behalf of the board  
105 which shall give the named person to whom it is issued  
106 authority to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

107 ~~(7)~~ (9) LICENSEE. Any person holding a license.

108 ~~(8)~~ (10) PERSON. A human person, not a legal entity."

109 "§34-36-4

110 (a) The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors is  
111 created.

112 (b) A person ~~to be eligible for appointment to serve on~~



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113 ~~the board~~ shall be a citizen and resident of Alabama to be  
114 eligible to serve on the board. Each person appointed to the  
115 board from each congressional district shall be actively  
116 engaged in the electrical construction business as a qualified  
117 person with electrical construction background of not less  
118 than five consecutive years, and shall hold certificates to  
119 validate his or her competence as an electrical contractor in  
120 the electrical construction field. The two persons appointed  
121 to the board as at-large members shall be members of the  
122 Alabama State Electrical Workers Association. The appointing  
123 authorities shall coordinate their appointments to assure the  
124 board membership ~~of the board should be~~ is inclusive and ~~should~~  
125 ~~reflect~~ reflects the racial, gender, geographic,  
126 ~~urban/rural,~~ urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

127 (c) The board shall consist of nine members to be  
128 appointed by the Governor. One member shall be appointed from  
129 each congressional district, and there shall be two at-large  
130 members who shall be appointed from within the state. The  
131 board members from the First, Second, and Third Congressional  
132 Districts shall be appointed for terms of one year; the board  
133 members from the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Congressional  
134 Districts shall be appointed for terms of two years; and the  
135 board member from the Seventh Congressional District as well  
136 as the at-large members shall be appointed for terms of three  
137 years. Thereafter, all board members shall be appointed for  
138 terms of three years. Each term shall expire on June 30 of the  
139 last year of the term, and no member shall serve more than two  
140 consecutive three-year terms. Vacancies on the board for any



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141 cause shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the  
142 remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall serve until  
143 their successors are appointed.

144 (d) The board shall meet at least semiannually and as  
145 often as necessary. The board shall meet annually to elect  
146 officers from its membership, whose initial terms shall expire  
147 on June 30 next following their election. Special meetings of  
148 the board may be held as the board provides in its rules ~~and~~  
149 ~~regulations~~. The board shall meet at least once in the first  
150 quarter and once in the third quarter of the year. Five  
151 members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

152 (e) The board may adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ to carry  
153 out this chapter.

154 (f) Any member of the board or duly appointed hearing  
155 officer designated by the board may administer oaths and take  
156 testimony concerning all matters within the jurisdiction of  
157 the board.

158 (g) The board may sue and be sued in its official name.  
159 Absent negligence, wantonness, recklessness, or deliberate  
160 misconduct, members of the board are immune from liability for  
161 all good faith acts performed in the execution of their duties  
162 of the board.

163 (h) The board shall adopt a seal for its use containing  
164 the words: ~~Alabama Electrical Contractors' Licensing~~  
165 ~~Board~~ Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors.

166 (i) The board may employ, and at its pleasure  
167 discharge, an executive director. The board may hire other  
168 officers and administrative employees ~~which may be~~ as necessary



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169 to implement this chapter. The board may employ, ~~on an as~~  
170 ~~needed basis, an investigator to investigate~~ compliance  
171 officers to conduct investigations based on consumer  
172 complaints against a licensee. The board shall not employ  
173 electrical inspectors nor provide for any electrical  
174 inspections. The board shall outline the duties and fix the  
175 compensation and expense allowances of all employees pursuant  
176 to the Merit System Act of Alabama.

177 (j) The board is subject to the Alabama Sunset Law and  
178 is classified as an enumerated agency pursuant to Section  
179 41-20-3. The board shall automatically terminate on October 1,  
180 2012, and every four years thereafter, unless a bill is  
181 enacted that the board be continued, modified, or  
182 reestablished.

183 (k) Each board member shall be accountable to the  
184 Governor for the proper performance of his or her duties as a  
185 member of the board. The Governor shall investigate any  
186 complaints or unfavorable reports concerning the actions of  
187 the board and shall take appropriate action thereon, including  
188 removal of any board member for misfeasance, malfeasance,  
189 neglect of duty, commission of a felony, incompetence, or  
190 permanent inability to perform official duties. A board member  
191 may be removed at the request of the board after failing to  
192 attend three consecutive properly noticed meetings."

193 "§34-36-12

194 ~~Every person holding a license issued by the board~~  
195 ~~shall display it in a conspicuous manner at his or her~~  
196 ~~principal place of business.~~ Every electrical contractor



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197 licensed under this chapter shall display the contractor's  
198 certification number and the company name on all  
199 documentation, forms of advertising, and on all service and  
200 installation vehicles used in conjunction with electrical  
201 contracting."

202 Section 2. Section 34-36-19 is added to the Code of  
203 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

204 §34-36-19

205 The board may adopt and publish minimum installation,  
206 repair, and service standards for its licensees, and shall  
207 publish the standards to every licensee at least 30 days  
208 before the standard becomes effective. Licensees who fail to  
209 comply with the minimum standards shall be disciplined as  
210 provided under Section 34-36-6. A licensee who is working in a  
211 jurisdiction that has adopted and is enforcing an electrical  
212 code through its permitting and inspection processes shall be  
213 held to the standards adopted and enforced by the local  
214 jurisdiction.

215 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
216 1, 2026.