

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB725

Hearing Date: Monday February 23, 2026
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Quick
One Liner: Change provisions of the State Electrical Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Holdcroft, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree, Storm

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Quick
Craig Thelen

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska State Electrical Division

Opponents:

Justin Brady

Representing:

Home Builders Association of Lincoln, Metro Omaha Builders Association, Nebraska Realtors Association, Nebraska State Home Builders Association
Associated Builders and Contractors of Nebraska and South Dakota

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Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 725 updates Nebraska's electrical licensing and inspection statutes to clarify definitions, license scopes, experience requirements, and renewal procedures. LB 725 establishes Class B electrical contractor and journeyman electrician licenses, limits their work to low-voltage commercial and industrial systems, and removes outdated residential and population restrictions. LB 725 also revises requirements for residential electricians, fire alarm installers, and directional boring/knifing contractors, standardizes renewal periods and late fees, and allows the State Electrical Board to recover additional inspection costs. Historical limits on Class A master electrician licenses remain, while Class B licenses may continue to be issued and renewed. Overall, LB 725 streamlines licensing, clarifies supervision and qualification standards, and aligns statutory language with current electrical practices and repeals the original sections.



Section 1 amends section 81-2102 to update licensing definitions, qualifications, and scopes of practice for electricians and related professionals. LB 725 adds power-limited systems as a recognized area of qualification for Class A master electricians, electrical contractors, and journeyman electricians. LB 725 also narrows the scope of Class B licenses by limiting both Class B electrical contractors and Class B journeyman electricians to planning, installing, and wiring power-limited electrical systems not exceeding 100 volts and 1,000 volt-amps in commercial and industrial settings, removing prior authority to perform broader residential and higher-capacity work. The scope of work for fire alarm installers is expanded by allowing work beginning at the first point of overcurrent protection, rather than limiting it by a specific voltage threshold. In addition, LB 725 clarifies that residential journeyman electricians may perform electrical work in residential dwellings of up to four units and supervise apprentice electricians.

Section 2 amends 81-2107 to revise the scope of a Class B electrical contractor license to focus on specialized, low-voltage systems in non-residential settings. Under the new language, a Class B electrical contractor is licensed by the board to work only on power-limited systems not exceeding 100 volts and 1,000 volt-amps in commercial and industrial installations. Previously, the license applied to electrical systems of up to 400 amperes in residential dwellings of no more than four units and was limited to municipalities with fewer than 100,000 residents.

Section 3 amends 81-2108 by separating an existing paragraph into two distinct paragraphs, assigning a new subsection number to the newly created paragraph, and renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly.

Section 4 amends section 81-2109 to revise the experience requirements and scope of practice for a Class B journeyman electrician license by requiring applicants to have at least three years of experience in the electrical trade, including time as a registered apprentice electrician as approved by the board, and allowing up to one year of experience credit for completion of a board-approved two-year post-high school electrical program, while also narrowing the scope of the license to work on power-limited electrical systems not exceeding 100 volts and 1,000 volt-amps in commercial and industrial settings and removing prior authorization for broader residential and higher-capacity electrical work.

Section 5 amends 81-2112.02 by removing the previous restriction that a fire alarm installer may only work on components of fire alarm systems operating at 50 volts or less. Applicants must continue to demonstrate at least two years of experience, acceptable to the board, in planning, laying out, and installing fire alarm systems. By eliminating the voltage limitation, the revision expands the scope of work for licensed installers, while maintaining the requirement for appropriate qualifications and experience.

Section 6 amends 81-2113 by separating an existing paragraph into two distinct paragraphs, assigning a new subsection number to the newly created paragraph, and renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly.

Section 7 amends 81-2117.02 by narrowing the previous prohibition on issuing new electrician licenses. Under the revision, only Class A master electrician licenses are restricted from being issued on or after September 9, 1993, while Class B electrical contractor and Class B journeyman electrician licenses may now continue to be issued. Existing licenses for all classes may still be renewed as provided by law.

Section 8 amends section 81-2118 to update and clarify provisions related to licensing examinations, issuance, and renewal by adding Class B electrical contractors and Class B journeyman electricians to the statute, eliminating the flat \$60 examination fee, and renumbering subsections accordingly. LB 725 also revises license renewal procedures by establishing a fixed renewal period in even-numbered years, allowing renewal from October 1 through November 30 at the standard fee and from December 1 through December 31 with a one-time 10% late fee, after which licenses must be reapplied for as new. In addition, LB 725 narrows an existing renewal provision to apply only to Class A master electrician licenses issued prior to September 9, 1993, aligning the statute with changes that provide separate



issuance and renewal provisions for Class B licenses.

Section 9 amends 81-2121(5) by updating terminology to replace the term “farm property” with “farmstead.”

Section 10 amends 81-2134 to revise the requirements for requesting an electrical inspection by establishing a single, uniform process. Under the new language, the person responsible for an electrical installation that is required to be inspected must submit a request for inspection to the board at or before the start of the installation, in the manner prescribed by the board. Previously, the statute included additional provisions specific to state inspections and allowed certain long-term projects to pay prorated monthly inspection fees after a minimum payment. The revision removes these additional provisions, simplifying the inspection request process and eliminating the prorated fee option.

Section 11 amends 81-2135 by adding a subsection (5) that authorizes the State Electrical Board to assess an additional fee when the actual cost of an inspection exceeds the amount covered by the original inspection fee.

Section 12 amends 81-2144 by revising the rules for directional boring and knifing work in electrical installations. Under the revision, a contractor may install underground conduit or conductors on the load side of the meter only under the direct supervision of a Class A master electrician or a journeyman electrician employed by an electrical contractor. Electrical contractors providing these services may allow only apprentices or licensed electricians to perform the work. This differs from prior law, which allowed work by directional boring contractors on conduit only, included Class B journeyman electricians as supervisors, and did not explicitly include knifing activities. The change clarifies the scope of work, supervision requirements, and qualifications necessary to perform these specialized activities.

Section 13 is the Repealer section.

Explanation of amendments:

LB 725 was amended by AM 3032, a white copy amendment, which removes all original sections of LB 725 and replaces them only to include Section 8 of LB 725. AM 3032 updates Nebraska's State Electrical Act to revise the administration of electrical licensing. AM 3032 adds Class B electrical contractors and Class B journeyman electricians to the statute, eliminates the flat examination fee, and establishes clearer procedures for license issuance and renewal, including fixed renewal periods and a simplified late renewal process. AM 3032 also repeals the original section.

Section 1 amends section 81-2118 to update and clarify provisions related to licensing examinations, issuance, and renewal by adding Class B electrical contractors and Class B journeyman electricians to the statute, eliminating the flat \$60 examination fee, and renumbering subsections accordingly. AM 3032 also revises license renewal procedures by establishing a fixed renewal period in even-numbered years, allowing renewal from October 1 through November 30 at the standard fee and from December 1 through December 31 with a one-time 10% late fee, after which licenses must be reapplied for as new. In addition, AM 3032 narrows an existing renewal provision to apply only to Class A master electrician licenses issued prior to September 9, 1993, aligning the statute with changes that provide separate issuance and renewal provisions for Class B licenses.

Section 2 is the repealer section.



