

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION
3 54-1019, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR MASTER ELECTRICIANS, TO REVISE THE
4 QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1019, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 54-1019. QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS. The administrator of the di-
9 vision of building safety shall appoint the number of deputy electrical
10 inspectors as may be required for the effective enforcement of the pro-
11 visions of this chapter. All inspectors shall be skilled in electrical
12 installations with not less than four (4) years of actual experience as a
13 journeyman or master electrician, shall possess ~~certificates of competency~~
14 journeyman or master electrician licenses in the state of Idaho prior to
15 appointment, and shall be fully familiar with the provisions of this chapter
16 and rules made both by the administrator and the Idaho electrical board. No
17 inspector employed by the division of building safety and assigned to the
18 enforcement of the provisions of this chapter shall be engaged or finan-
19 cially interested in an electrical business, trade, practice or work, or
20 the sale of any supplies connected therewith, nor shall he act as an agent,
21 directly or indirectly, for any person, firm, copartnership, association
22 or corporation so engaged. Inspectors employed by municipalities electing
23 to claim exemption under this chapter must possess the qualifications set
24 forth in this section. Inspectors employed by the division of building
25 safety shall take and pass, before the end of their probationary period, ~~the~~
26 a general inspector's test administered approved by the educational testing
27 service, or future tests developed by the educational testing service for
28 that purpose, or such examination developed for similar purposes, and ad-
29 ministered by another testing agency, which the Idaho electrical board may
30 select. Inspectors shall be required to participate in continuous education
31 training as directed by the Idaho electrical board and administered by the
32 division of building safety. The board may also promulgate rules relative to
33 the applicability of this provision to existing electrical inspectors with
34 permanent status in the division.