

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1168

By: McBride, Roberts (Dustin)
and Sears of the House

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7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Sections 1000.21, as amended
9 by Section 2, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2014, 1000.22,
10 1000.23, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 223, O.S.L.
11 2014, 1000.24, 1000.25, as last amended by Section 4,
12 Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2014 and 1000.28, as amended by
13 Section 273, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp.
14 2016, Sections 1000.21, 1000.23, 1000.25 and
15 1000.28), which relate to the Oklahoma Uniform
16 Building Code Commission Act; authorizing Department
17 of Labor to administer the Oklahoma Uniform Building
18 Code Commission Act; modifying powers and duties of
19 the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission;
20 authorizing Department to recommend system of fees;
21 providing for payment of certain fees collected;
22 repealing 59 O.S. 2011, Sections 1000.26 and 1000.27,
23 which relate to the Chief Executive Officer and legal
24 advisor to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
Commission; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.21, as
amended by Section 2, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
Section 1000.21), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1000.21 A. 1. There is hereby created the Oklahoma
Uniform Building Code Commission within the ~~Construction Industries~~

1 ~~Board which~~ Department of Labor. The Department of Labor is
2 authorized to administer the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
3 Commission Act and exercise all incidental powers necessary and
4 proper to implement and enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma
5 Uniform Building Code Commission Act and the rules promulgated
6 thereto. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission shall
7 consist of eleven (11) members, nine of whom shall be appointed by
8 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate as follows:

- 9 a. one member who is a general contractor from a
10 statewide organization that represents residential
11 construction,
- 12 b. one member who is a general contractor from a
13 statewide organization that represents commercial
14 construction,
- 15 c. one member who is a contractor from a statewide
16 organization that represents electrical contractors,
- 17 d. one member who is a contractor from a statewide
18 organization that represents plumbing contractors,
- 19 e. one member who is a contractor from a statewide
20 organization that represents heating and cooling
21 contractors,
- 22 f. one member who is a local-level regulator/inspector
23 who is a member of a statewide organization that is
24 exempt from taxation under federal law and designated

1 pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue
2 Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 170(a), who has represented
3 municipalities and had statutory functions for
4 municipalities for at least fifteen (15) years prior
5 to November 1, 2005,

6 g. one member who is a Certified Building Official
7 employed by a political subdivision,

8 h. one member who is a licensed architect from a
9 statewide organization that represents architects, and

10 i. one member who is from the insurance industry with
11 knowledge of building codes and experience in property
12 loss mitigation.

13 2. The members shall be appointed for staggered terms of four
14 (4) years, beginning July 1, 2009. A full term of office for
15 purposes of determining term limits provided in subsection C of this
16 section shall be the completion of a full four-year term of
17 appointment.

18 B. The remaining two members of the Commission shall be the
19 State Fire Marshal, or a designee, and an appointee of the
20 Construction Industries Board.

21 C. Appointed members shall continue in office until a successor
22 is appointed by the Governor, notwithstanding the term limitations.
23 No appointed member shall serve more than two consecutive full four-
24 year terms; provided, such a member shall be eligible to serve until

1 a successor is appointed, and such member may be reappointed after a
2 two-year absence from the Commission. The Governor shall fill all
3 vacancies and unexpired terms in the same manner as the original
4 appointment of the member whose position is to be filled. No
5 initial appointment to a term of less than four (4) years or any
6 partial-term appointment to fill a vacancy or unexpired term of
7 another member shall be counted for purposes of determining term
8 limits. An appointed member may be removed by the Governor for
9 cause.

10 D. Whenever a member of the Commission is absent from more than
11 one-half (1/2) of all meetings of the governing body, regular and
12 special, held within any period of twelve (12) consecutive months,
13 the member shall thereupon cease to hold office by operation of law.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.22, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1000.22 ~~1. A.~~ A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
17 Commission shall ~~organize immediately after July 1, 2009, and~~
18 ~~annually thereafter, by electing~~ annually elect from among its
19 members a chair and a vice-chair. The Commission shall hold
20 regularly scheduled meetings at least once each quarter ~~at a time~~
21 ~~and place determined by the Commission~~ and may hold such special
22 meetings, emergency meetings or continued or reconvened meetings as
23 found by the Commission to be necessary. A majority of the members
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1 of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
2 business.

3 ~~2.~~ B. The chair shall preside at meetings of the Commission,
4 set the agenda, sign orders and other required documents, coordinate
5 Commission activities and perform such other duties as may be
6 prescribed by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act.

7 ~~3.~~ C. The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair
8 during the absence or disability of the chair and shall perform such
9 other duties as may be prescribed by the Oklahoma Uniform Building
10 Code Commission Act.

11 ~~4. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Chief~~
12 ~~Executive Officer, at the discretion of the Commission, shall:~~

- 13 ~~a. keep a record of all proceedings of the Commission and~~
- 14 ~~certify to actions of the Commission,~~
- 15 ~~b. oversee the receipt and deposit of all monies received~~
- 16 ~~by the Commission in the appropriate revolving funds,~~
- 17 ~~c. submit, at the first regular meeting of the Commission~~
- 18 ~~after the end of each fiscal year, a fully itemized~~
- 19 ~~report of the receipts and disbursements for the prior~~
- 20 ~~fiscal year, showing the amount of funds on hand, and~~
- 21 ~~d. perform such other duties as are prescribed in this~~
- 22 ~~act or as may be prescribed by the Commission.~~

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1 ~~5. The Commission shall comply with the provisions of the~~
2 ~~Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open Records Act and the~~
3 ~~Administrative Procedures Act.~~

4 ~~6. D.~~ All members of the Commission ~~and such employees as~~
5 ~~determined by the Commission~~ shall be bonded as required by Sections
6 85.26 through 85.31 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 ~~7. E.~~ The liability of any member ~~or employee of the Commission~~
8 acting within the scope of Commission duties or employment shall be
9 governed by The Governmental Tort Claims Act.

10 ~~8. F.~~ Members of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission
11 and members of all technical committees shall serve without
12 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary
13 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance
14 with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.23, as
16 amended by Section 3, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2016,
17 Section 1000.23), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1000.23 A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
19 Commission shall have the power and the duty to ~~review and adopt~~
20 recommend to the Commissioner of Labor standards and practices
21 pursuant to this act by reviewing and adopting all building codes
22 for residential and commercial construction to be used by all
23 entities within this state. Codes and standards adopted ~~by the~~
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1 ~~Commission~~ shall be the minimum standards for residential and
2 commercial construction in this state.

3 B. All public projects shall abide by such minimum standards
4 and requirements; provided, nothing in the Oklahoma Uniform Building
5 Code Commission Act shall prevent or take away from state agencies
6 the authority to enact and enforce requirements containing higher
7 standards and requirements than such minimum standards and
8 requirements.

9 C. Municipalities and other political subdivisions shall abide
10 by such minimum standards and requirements; provided, nothing in the
11 Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act shall prevent or take
12 away from such municipalities and other political subdivisions the
13 authority to enact and enforce requirements containing higher
14 standards and requirements than such minimum standards and
15 requirements.

16 D. The ~~Oklahoma Uniform Building Code~~ Commission shall have the
17 power and duty to ~~establish~~ recommend to the Commissioner of Labor a
18 training and certification process for all residential and
19 commercial building code inspectors that prescribes standards,
20 practices and procedures for prelicensing inspector training and
21 other inspector training that enhances the education of building and
22 construction inspectors; provided the training does not infringe
23 upon the education requirements and process under the Oklahoma
24 Inspectors Act. Prelicensing programs prescribing the standards,

1 practices and procedures for prelicensing building inspectors for
2 use by other state agencies and other education providers, both
3 public and private, may be developed through the use of a technical
4 committee developing any program or curriculum and recommending to
5 the Board proposed administrative rules setting forth any standards
6 and procedures to be adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A
7 of Section 1000.24 of this title. The Commission shall establish
8 ~~regional~~ prelicensing training on a regional basis for the purpose
9 of training the county and municipal inspectors in the ~~Uniform~~
10 ~~Building Code~~ statewide building codes adopted pursuant to this act.
11 The regional training shall be offered at no cost to the ~~participant~~
12 building and construction inspector trainee and shall be funded from
13 the funds received pursuant to Section 1000.25 of this title. Each
14 inspector operating in this state on behalf of any state agency or
15 any municipal or county office may ~~complete~~ participate in regional
16 training and be issued a ~~certification for inspections by the~~
17 ~~Uniform Building Code Commission on and after January 1, 2015~~
18 certificate of completion for any training program established
19 pursuant to this act; however, any certificate of completion is
20 subject to the continuing education approval process of the
21 licensing entity. The training and ~~certification applications~~
22 standards and procedures, qualifications and application procedures
23 for the instructor, provider, if a nonstate governmental entity, and
24 the inspector trainee applications shall be promulgated by

1 administrative rules of the ~~Commission~~ Department of Labor. ~~The~~
2 ~~Commission may establish forms~~ Forms and procedures may be
3 established to implement and administer the provisions of this
4 section.

5 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.24, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1000.24 A. 1. ~~Beginning July 1, 2009, pursuant~~
8 Pursuant to and in compliance with Article I of the Administrative
9 Procedures Act, the ~~Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission~~
10 Department of Labor shall have the power to adopt, amend, repeal and
11 promulgate rules as may be necessary to perform the duties required
12 under the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act. ~~Rules~~
13 ~~authorized under this section shall not become effective prior to~~
14 ~~October 1, 2009.~~

15 2. ~~Beginning October 1, 2009, the Commission shall have the~~
16 ~~power to enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform Building~~
17 ~~Code Commission Act.~~

18 ~~3.~~ Any codes adopted by state agencies, municipalities or other
19 political subdivisions of the state prior to uniform codes being
20 adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission, pursuant
21 to the provisions of, or rules promulgated pursuant to, the Oklahoma
22 Uniform Building Code Commission Act, shall be considered valid and
23 in effect until uniform codes are adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform
24 Building Code Commission.

1 B. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission shall have the
2 following powers:

3 ~~1. Exercise all incidental powers and duties which are~~
4 ~~necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform~~
5 ~~Building Code Commission Act;~~

6 ~~2. Adopt and have an official seal;~~

7 ~~3. Maintain an administrative staff, including, but not limited~~
8 ~~to, an Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Chief Executive~~
9 ~~Officer;~~

10 ~~4. Direct such other expenditures as may be necessary in the~~
11 ~~performance of its duties, including, but not limited to,~~
12 ~~expenditures for office space, equipment, furnishings and contracts~~
13 ~~for services. All expenditures shall be made pursuant to the~~
14 ~~Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act;~~

15 ~~5.~~ 2. Appoint technical committees to review and recommend for
16 adoption all building codes. The technical committees shall review
17 and recommend building codes with any amendments for adoption by the
18 Commission and receive requests for advisory opinions for
19 interpretation of any statewide building code adopted pursuant to
20 this act, evaluate the requests for appropriateness of need for an
21 advisory opinion, assign any requests to the appropriate technical
22 committee requesting participation from entities responsible for the
23 enforcement of any code involved in the request providing deference
24 to an entity's previous interpretation and, upon recommendation of a

1 technical committee, issue advisory opinions interpreting the
2 adopted statewide code; and

3 ~~6.~~ 3. Create a website listing all building codes adopted by
4 the Commission and any advisory opinions issued. The website shall
5 provide a method for listing all codes adopted by a state agency,
6 city or any other political subdivision of the state containing
7 higher standards and requirements than the codes adopted pursuant to
8 the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act as required in
9 Section 14-107 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 C. ~~After October 1, 2009, the Commission~~ The Department of
11 Labor shall account for all receipts and expenditures of the monies
12 of the Commission, including annually preparing and publishing a
13 statement of receipts and expenditures of the Commission for each
14 fiscal year. The Commission's annual statement of receipts and
15 expenditures shall be audited by the State Auditor and Inspector or
16 an independent accounting firm, and the audit report shall be
17 certified to the Governor of this state to be true and correct,
18 ~~under oath, by the chair and vice-chair of the Commission~~
19 Commissioner of Labor.

20 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.25, as
21 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.
22 2016, Section 1000.25), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1000.25 A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
24 Commission shall ~~establish~~ recommend to the Department of Labor a

1 system of fees to be charged for the issuance and renewal of any
2 construction permits issued by any agency, municipality, or other
3 political subdivision of this state.

4 B. This provision is subject to the following limitations:

5 1. No schedule of fees may be established or amended by the
6 ~~Commission~~ Department except during such times as the Legislature is
7 in session; provided, the ~~Commission~~ Department may establish or
8 amend a schedule of fees at a time when the Legislature is not in
9 session if the fees or schedule of fees has been specifically
10 authorized by the Legislature pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this
11 subsection. The ~~Commission~~ Department shall follow the
12 procedures required by Article I of the Administrative Procedures
13 Act for adoption of rules in establishing or amending any such
14 schedule of fees;

15 2. The ~~Commission~~ Department shall charge fees for building
16 permits and renewal of such permits issued by any state agency,
17 municipality, or other political subdivision of this state which
18 authorized work governed by codes within the purview of the
19 ~~Commission~~ Department only within the following ranges:

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| 20 For issuance of permit | not to exceed \$5.00 |
| 21 For renewal of permit | not to exceed \$5.00 |

22 Fees shall be remitted to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
23 Commission Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1000.28 of
24 this title within thirty (30) days after the end of the preceding

1 calendar month. The ~~Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission~~
2 Department of Labor shall report to the Governor, President Pro
3 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House semiannually its
4 collections for the six (6) months preceding the report;

5 3. Fees shall be collected by any state agency, municipality or
6 other political subdivision issuing construction permits within this
7 state. The fees shall be deposited in an account created by the
8 collecting entity for that purpose;

9 4. The state agency, municipality or other political
10 subdivision shall remit the monies in the account on a monthly basis
11 directly to the State Treasury for deposit in the Oklahoma Uniform
12 Building Code Commission Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section
13 1000.28 of this title. Along with the deposits required by this
14 paragraph, each state agency, municipality or other political
15 subdivision shall also submit a report stating the total amount of
16 funds collected and the total number of fees imposed during the
17 preceding month. The report shall be made on computerized or manual
18 disposition reports as provided by ~~rule of the Commission~~ rules
19 promulgated pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section
20 1000.24 of this title;

21 5. Any state agency, municipality or other political
22 subdivision collecting and remitting fees pursuant to this section
23 may levy a fee up to fifty cents (\$0.50) for every construction
24 permit or renewal permit issued. These monies shall be deposited

1 into an account for the sole use of the state agency, municipality
2 or other political subdivision. The state agency, municipality or
3 other political subdivision shall state the total amount of funds
4 collected and the total number of fees imposed to the State Treasury
5 in the report required by paragraph 4 of this subsection;

6 6. It shall be the responsibility of the state agency,
7 municipality or other political subdivision to account for and
8 ensure the correctness and accuracy of payments made to the State
9 Treasury pursuant to this title;

10 7. Funds collected by a state agency, municipality or other
11 political subdivision and remitted to the State Treasury pursuant to
12 the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act shall be deposited
13 in the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Revolving Fund and
14 shall be used solely for the purposes of the Oklahoma Uniform
15 Building Code Commission Act; provided that of the gross permit fees
16 charged, collected and received, ten percent (10%) shall be paid
17 into the General Revenue Fund of the state; and

18 8. Nothing in this act shall prevent the Oklahoma Uniform
19 Building Code Commission from offering incentives for prompt
20 payment.

21 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.28, as
22 amended by Section 273, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp.
23 2016, Section 1000.28), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1000.28 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
2 revolving fund for the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission to
3 be designated the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission
4 Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a continuous fund, not subject to
5 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all fees or payments
6 ~~of any type~~ received by the ~~Commission~~ Department of Labor for the
7 purposes outlined in the provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform Building
8 Code Commission Act. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
9 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
10 ~~Commission~~ Department for the purpose of implementing and
11 administering the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act.
12 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
13 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
14 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
15 approval and payment.

16 SECTION 7. REPEALER 59 O.S. 2011, Sections 1000.26 and
17 1000.27, are hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate