

## **SUMMARY**

### **010.13 Administrative Regulations of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas**

Act 1188 of 2009 established a new limited electrical license for Specialist Sign Electricians. The Act established the scope of this limited license, along with fees for examinations and licensure. The majority of the proposed regulation changes incorporate the statutory language into the current regulations for clarity to the public.

This proposed regulation establishes the experience requirement at two years of this type of work. Additionally, this proposed change would require companies to maintain a list of employees engaged in this type of work. This will allow the Board to confirm experience requirements for new applicants. The Act contains a "grandfather" provision that applicants that applied prior to September 1, 2009 could avoid testing requirements provided they had two years of experience. The two year experience requirement was set by emergency regulation on July 31, 2009.

The other change deals with fees for licensure examination. All licensees must take an examination to obtain their respective license. The Board/Agency have been able to find a testing company that will allow the testing cost to be cut for roughly 95% of applicants. Master, Journeyman, Residential Master, Residential Journeyman, and Air Conditioning Electricians will all see a test fee reduction of \$6.00 per test. The Industrial Maintenance license is currently \$25.00, and will increase to \$50.00. The new company charges a \$50.00 rate per test. The Industrial Maintenance test makes up 5% or less of the total tests and is a voluntary license. These fees were also changed by the emergency regulations in July 2009.