



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 62

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Energy at the request of the State Electrical Commission*

1 **An Act to discontinue the issuance of new Class B electrician licenses.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 36-16-2 be AMENDED:**

4 **36-16-2.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

- 5 (1) "Apprentice electrician," a person learning the trade under the supervision and  
 6 employment of an electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, or Class B  
 7 electrician, or a person learning the trade under the supervision of a 501(d)  
 8 electrician, or a person employed by a public entity or private corporation, firm or  
 9 partnership who is learning the trade under the supervision of an electrical  
 10 contractor or Class B electrician ~~who is~~ employed by the same public entity or  
 11 private corporation, limited liability company, firm, or partnership;
- 12 (2) "Class B electrician," a person licensed under this chapter before July 1, 2026,  
 13 having the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge, and at least  
 14 thirty-six months' experience in wiring, installing, and repairing electrical  
 15 apparatus and equipment in accordance with the standard rules established by the  
 16 State Electrical Commission;
- 17 (3) "Electrical contractor," a person having the necessary qualifications, training,  
 18 experience, and technical knowledge to plan, lay out, and supervise the installation  
 19 and repair of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for electric light, heat,  
 20 and power in accordance with the standard rules governing ~~such~~ the work; and  
 21 who undertakes or offers to undertake with another to plan for, lay out, supervise,  
 22 and install or to make additions, alterations and repairs in the installation of ~~such~~  
 23 the work;
- 24 (4) "Electrical inspector," a person experienced in all classes of electrical work and  
 25 either:

1 (a) Is a graduate of a recognized electrical school as approved by State  
2 Electrical Commission rules and has a total of four years of experience in  
3 electrical work, excluding school experience;7 or

4 (b) Has at least six years of practical experience in electrical wiring.

5 A qualified inspector may be issued an electrical contractor's license if the qualified  
6 inspector pays the necessary fees as set forth in this chapter;

7 (5) "Journeyman electrician," a person having the necessary qualifications, training,  
8 technical knowledge and at least four years of experience in wiring, installing, and  
9 repairing electrical apparatus and equipment in accordance with ~~the standard~~ rules  
10 established by the State Electrical Commission;

11 (6) "Maintenance electrician," a person working under a maintenance electrician's  
12 license of a public entity, firm, partnership, limited liability company, or  
13 corporation; and

14 (7) "501(d) electrician," a person having the necessary qualifications, training and  
15 technical knowledge in wiring, installing, and repairing electrical apparatus and  
16 equipment in accordance with ~~the administrative~~ rules promulgated by the State  
17 Electrical Commission, pursuant to chapter 1-26. ~~A 501(d) licensee, who is~~  
18 ~~restricted to wiring on 501(d) properties within the State of South Dakota. 501(d)~~  
19 ~~is the reference to the federal internal revenue code that provides the exemption~~  
20 ~~for a religious or apostolic association or corporation~~ this state.