



# **KCTCS Legislative Agenda**

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# ELECTRICIAN LICENSURE

HB 126, Sponsored by Rep. Carl Rollins



## OVERVIEW:

HB 126 would amend the electrician licensing statute, KRS 227A.060, to require the KY Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction to recognize KCTCS Associate degree and Diploma programs in Electrical Technology as fulfilling the licensure training requirement and to grant a one (1) year credit toward licensure for lab work completed by graduates during their educational program.



## BACKGROUND:

The licensure of *Electricians* and *Master Electricians* is governed by KRS 227A.060 (2) and (3)

The KY Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction via its Electrical Advisory Committee, regulates the licensure of Kentucky's *Electricians* and *Master Electricians*.

Licensure of *Electricians* requires:

- A training course in Electrical Work / or 2yrs experience in the trade;
- Four (4) years of experience in the electrical trade; and
- Passage of an examination and payment of required fees

Licensure of *Master Electricians* requires:

- A training course in Electrical Work / or 2yrs experience in the trade;
- Six (6) years of experience in the electrical trade; and
- Passage of an examination and payment of required fees

KCTCS Electrical Technology Programs consists of:

- Undergraduate college courses designed to prepare students for various entry-level electrical positions in industry and building careers
- Competency-based electrical theory in the classroom and the practical application in lab settings
- Three different specializations within the Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS)
- Certificates and diplomas that serve as pathways to the AAS degree specializations or as meeting specific workforce training needs

KCTCS offers Associate Degree and Diploma programs in Electrical Technology at 15 of its 16 colleges.

KCTCS Electrical Technology programs have graduated 946 students and awarded 1177 degrees and diplomas. *Academic Years 2003-04 through 2007-08*

KCTCS Electrical Technology programs include significant "hands-on" lab credit (12-16 credit hours, depending on credential and program specialization), in addition to rigorous classroom study.



## KCTCS LEGISLATIVE REQUEST (HB 126)

Amend the current electrician licensure statute, KRS 227A.060 (2) and (3) to mandate that KCTCS Associate degree and Diploma graduates in Electrical Technology:

- 1) Receive full credit for completion of their educational program as a "*training course in electrical work*;" and
- 2) Receive a one (1) year credit toward the *current statutory electrical work experience* requirement due to the intensive laboratory work embedded within the KCTCS Associate degree and diploma programs (3 years total work experience for Electrician candidates / 5 years total work experience for Master Electrician candidates)



## OUTCOME:

This legislative change would acknowledge the rigor of the college-level Electrical Technology programs offered by KCTCS, including the substantial laboratory component important for the success of professional electricians.