

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Electrician and Installer Licensing and Inspection Fund

Purpose and History

During the 2007 Legislative Session, [House File 897](#) (Electrician Licensure Act) created a statewide system of licensure and certification for electricians and electrical contractors that took effect January 1, 2008. The provisions of the law requiring inspections took effect March 1, 2009. After December 31, 2013, a political subdivision may choose to discontinue performing inspections and permit the state to have jurisdiction over those inspections. For administrative purposes, the [Electrical Examining Board](#) is under the purview of the Fire Marshal's Office in the Department of Public Safety. The 11-member Board consists of the following:

- Two journeymen electricians (one union and one nonunion member).
- Two members that are master electricians or electrical contractors (one union member and one nonunion member).
- One electrical inspector.
- Two members representing the general public (one union member and one nonunion member).
- The State Fire Marshal (or a designated representative from the Fire Marshal Division).
- One local building official employed by a political subdivision to perform electrical inspections for that subdivision.
- A representative of a public utility.
- One licensed professional engineer with a background in electrical engineering.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the licensing, permitting, inspecting, and continuing education requirements of the statewide Electrician and Electrical Contractor Program in Iowa. The Program averages approximately 1,260 new permits per month and 2,100 new inspections per month.

Funding

All licensing, registration, examination, inspection, and renewal fee revenue is deposited in the Electrician and Installer Licensing and Inspection Fund. Funds are made available to the Board in consultation with the Fire Marshal's Office, and the balance does not revert to the General Fund. The Program, including both permitting and inspection revenue, generates approximately \$2.3 million annually and funds 24.0 FTE positions. There are currently 19 electrical inspectors, one chief electrical inspector/executive secretary, three clerk specialists, and one secretary II. Licenses are renewed on a three-year rotation and are budgeted to generate approximately \$2.2 million of revenue every three years and \$150,000 in a nonlicensing year.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [103](#)
[661](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal's Office: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/electrician/index.shtml>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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