

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2085

3 By: Blair of the House

4 and

5 Weaver of the Senate

6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
7 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1000.20, 1000.21,  
8 1000.23 and 1000.25, which relate to the Oklahoma  
9 Uniform Building Code Commission Act; updating  
10 internal citations; modifying membership and  
11 appointment requirements; modifying powers and duties  
12 of the Commission to include to continuing education  
13 requirements; providing for the assessment of certain  
fee; directing the deposit of fee into certain fund;  
establishing work development process to increase  
code official development; providing for the  
promulgation of certain rules; updating reference to  
certain permit allowing for the electronic submission  
of collections report; and providing an effective  
date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.20, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1000.20. Sections 1000.20 through ~~1000.29~~ 1000.30 of  
19 this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Uniform  
20 Building Code Commission Act".

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.21, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

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

1 Board which shall consist of thirteen (13) members, eleven of whom  
2 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of  
3 the Senate as follows:

- 4 a. one member who is a general contractor from a  
5 statewide organization that represents residential  
6 construction,
- 7 b. one member who is a general contractor from a  
8 statewide organization that represents commercial  
9 construction,
- 10 c. one member who is a contractor from a statewide  
11 organization that represents electrical contractors,
- 12 d. one member who is a contractor from a statewide  
13 organization that represents plumbing contractors,
- 14 e. one member who is a contractor from a statewide  
15 organization that represents heating and cooling  
16 contractors,
- 17 f. one member who is a licensed electrical engineer from  
18 a state-recognized professional engineering firm,
- 19 g. one member who is a local-level regulator/inspector  
20 who is a member of a statewide organization that is  
21 exempt from taxation under federal law and designated  
22 pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue  
23 Code of 1986, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 170(a),  
24 who has represented municipalities and had statutory

functions for municipalities for at least ~~fifteen~~ (15) ten (10) years ~~prior to November 1, 2005,~~

h. one member who is a ~~Certified Building Official~~ certified building official employed by a political subdivision,

i. one member who is a licensed architect from a statewide organization that represents architects,

j. one member who is from the insurance industry with knowledge of building codes and experience in property loss mitigation, and

k. one member who is a licensed mechanical engineer from a state-recognized professional engineering firm.

2. The members shall be appointed for staggered terms of four (4) years. ~~The initial appointment of the members added by this act shall be made within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act.~~ A full term of office for purposes of determining term limits provided in subsection C of this section shall be the completion of a full four-year term of appointment.

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

C. Appointed members shall continue in office until a successor is appointed by the Governor, notwithstanding the term limitations. No appointed member shall serve more than two consecutive full four-

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

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

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.23, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1000.23. A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
18 Commission shall have the power and the duty to review and adopt all  
19 ~~building codes~~ and standards for residential and commercial  
20 construction to be used by all entities within this state. Codes  
21 and standards adopted by the Commission shall be the minimum  
22 standards for residential and commercial construction in this state.

23 B. All public projects shall abide by such minimum standards  
24 and requirements; provided, nothing in the Oklahoma Uniform Building

1 Code Commission Act shall prevent or take away from state agencies  
2 the authority to enact and enforce requirements containing higher  
3 standards and requirements than such minimum standards and  
4 requirements.

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

12 D. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission shall have the  
13 power and duty to establish a continuing education and training and  
14 certification process for all residential and commercial ~~building~~  
15 construction industry personnel affected by the codes adopted by the  
16 Commission, including, but not limited to, code ~~inspectors~~  
17 ~~officials, design professionals, and trade workers.~~ The ~~Commission~~  
18 shall establish regional training for the purpose of training the  
19 county and municipal inspectors in the Uniform Building Code. The  
20 regional training shall be offered at no cost to ~~the participant~~  
21 state-licensed building code officials and shall be funded from the  
22 funds received pursuant to Section 1000.25 of this title. A fee may  
23 be assessed to all participants other than state-licensed code  
24 officials. When assessed, the fee shall be limited to any cost

1   directly associated with the training and shall be remitted to the  
2   State Treasury pursuant to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
3   Commission Act. Such fees shall be deposited in the Oklahoma  
4   Uniform Building Code Commission Revolving Fund and shall be used  
5   solely for the purposes of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
6   Commission Act. Each ~~inspector~~ code official operating in this  
7   state on behalf of any state agency or any municipal or county  
8   office may complete regional training and be issued a ~~certification~~  
9   for inspections certificate of completion by the Oklahoma Uniform  
10   Building Code Commission ~~on and after January 1, 2015~~. The training  
11   and certification applications, qualifications and procedures shall  
12   be promulgated by rules of the Commission. The Commission may  
13   establish forms and procedures to implement and administer the  
14   provisions of this section.

15   E. The Commission shall establish a workforce development  
16   process with the purpose of increasing the number of available code  
17   officials in Oklahoma. The Commission shall promulgate rules on the  
18   workforce development applications, qualifications, forms, and  
19   procedures to implement and administer the provisions of this  
20   section.

21       SECTION 4.           AMENDATORY           59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.25, is  
22   amended to read as follows:

23       Section 1000.25. A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
24   Commission shall establish a system of fees to be charged for the

1 issuance and renewal of any construction permits issued by any  
2 agency, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state.

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

4       1. No schedule of fees may be established or amended by the  
5 Commission except during such times as the Legislature is in  
6 session; provided, the Commission may establish or amend a schedule  
7 of fees at a time when the Legislature is not in session if the fees  
8 or schedule of fees has been specifically authorized by the  
9 Legislature pursuant to paragraphs ~~2~~ 3 and ~~3~~ 4 of this subsection.

10 The Commission must follow the procedures required by Article I of  
11 the Administrative Procedures Act for adoption of rules in  
12 establishing or amending any such schedule of fees;

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

18       For

19           a. for issuance of permit      not to exceed \$5.00

20       For

21           b. for renewal of permit      not to exceed \$5.00

22       3. Fees shall be remitted to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
23 Commission within thirty (30) days after the end of the preceding  
24 calendar month. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission shall

1 report electronically to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the  
2 Senate and the Speaker of the House semiannually its collections for  
3 the six (6) months preceding the report;

4       3. 4. Fees shall be collected by any state agency, municipality  
5 or other political subdivision issuing construction permits within  
6 this state. The fees shall be deposited in an account created by  
7 the collecting entity for that purpose;

8       4. 5. The state agency, municipality or other political  
9 subdivision shall remit the monies in the account on a monthly basis  
10 directly to the State Treasury for deposit in the Oklahoma Uniform  
11 Building Code Commission Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section  
12 1000.28 of this title. Along with the deposits required by this  
13 paragraph, each state agency, municipality or other political  
14 subdivision shall also submit a report stating the total amount of  
15 funds collected and the total number of fees imposed during the  
16 preceding month. The report shall be made on computerized or manual  
17 disposition reports as provided by rule of the Commission;

18       5. 6. Any state agency, municipality or other political  
19 subdivision collecting and remitting fees pursuant to this section  
20 may levy a fee up to fifty cents (\$0.50) for every construction  
21 permit or renewal permit issued. These monies shall be deposited  
22 into an account for the sole use of the state agency, municipality  
23 or other political subdivision. The state agency, municipality or  
24 other political subdivision shall state the total amount of funds

1 collected and the total number of fees imposed to the State Treasury  
2 in the report required by paragraph 4 5 of this subsection;

3 6. 7. It shall be the responsibility of the state agency,  
4 municipality or other political subdivision to account for and  
5 ensure the correctness and accuracy of payments made to the State  
6 Treasury pursuant to this title;

7 7. 8. Funds collected by a state agency, municipality or other  
8 political subdivision and remitted to the State Treasury pursuant to  
9 the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act shall be deposited  
10 in the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Revolving Fund and  
11 shall be used solely for the purposes of the Oklahoma Uniform  
12 Building Code Commission Act; and

13 8. 9. Nothing in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
14 Commission Act shall prevent the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code  
15 Commission from offering incentives for prompt payment.

16 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate