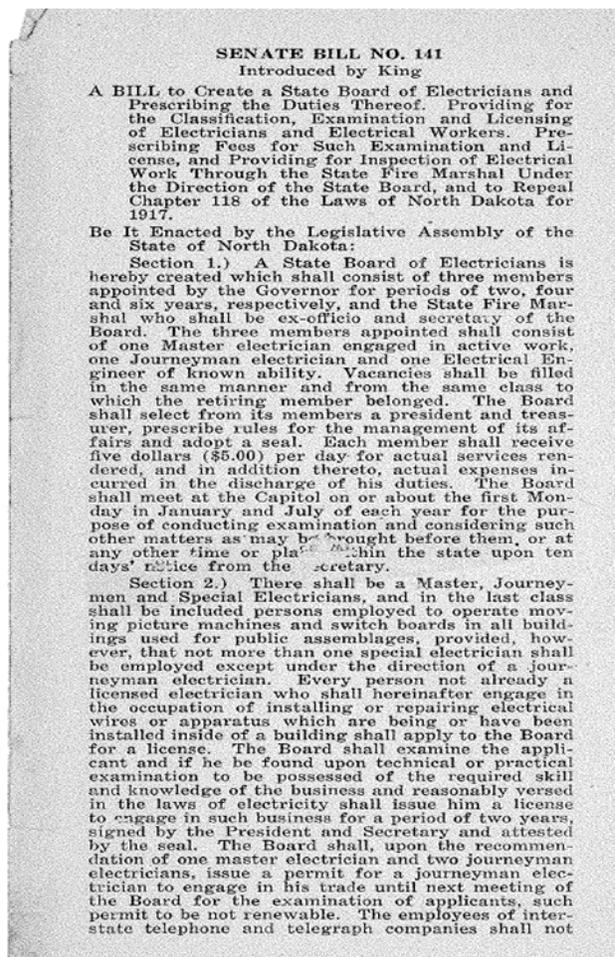
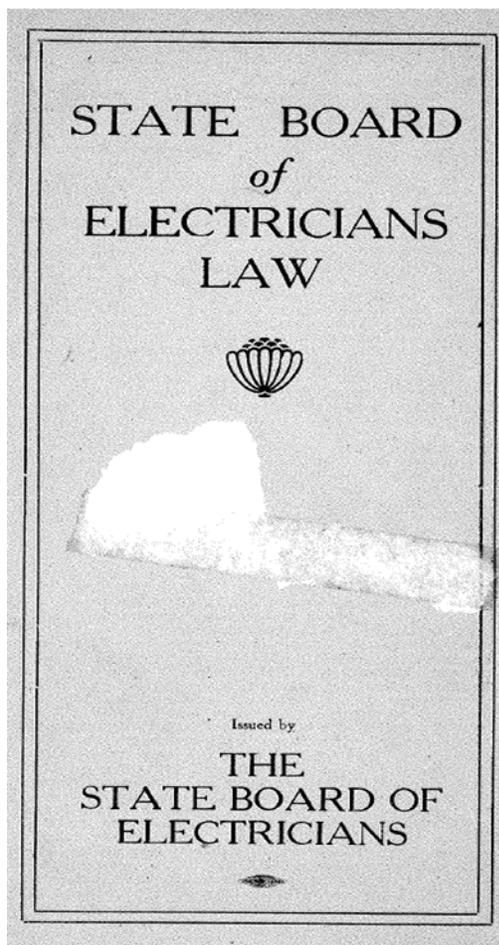


## NDSEB'S EXISTENCE SINCE 1917

In 2017, the North Dakota State Electrical Board celebrated turning 100. The NDSEB had published a 100th anniversary newsletter with a lot of interesting articles and shown how the NDSEB has advanced over many years. As we all know, time tends to fly and sometimes we forget about how things were especially with advancements in technology, etc. It is like telling our children that we actually did have TV way back when. The next few newsletters, we will be bringing back some of those memories as well as current ones for comparison, and you can show your children and/or grandchildren evolution.



Created in 1917, the Board of Electricians consisted of three members appointed by the Governor. Members were a master electrician, a journeyman electrician, and an electrical engineer. The Commissioner of Insurance, who was the State Fire Inspector, served as the ex-officio member and also as the secretary of the Board. As the inspector for the state, the Commissioner approved the appointments of fire inspectors in North Dakota cities and villages. The purpose of the board was to prescribe rules of management for Board affairs, to adopt a seal, and conduct an examination for those who wanted to become a licensed electrician. The Board gave examinations and issued licenses to all with the classification of electrician.

**TODAY (2021):** Still appointed by the Governor, the board members includes a master electrician who is a contractor, a journeyman electrician, a person associated with an investor owned utility, a consumer member of a rural electric cooperative and a representative of the public not directly associated with the electrical industry. Individuals are employed by the board or a political subdivision to inspect electrical and must be licensed as a journeyman or master electrician. The purpose of the board is the practical safeguarding of persons and of buildings and building contents from electrical hazards arising from the use or control of electricity for light, heat, power, and control thereof, fire detection systems, and power limited systems. The board is still charged with the responsibility to examine applicants and issue licenses to those having the necessary qualifications and knowledge in the laws of electricity and electrical codes.



**WE ARE ENCOURAGING THAT YOU HELP SPREAD THE WORD TO  
CITIZENS OF NORTH DAKOTA  
(Feel Free to Make Copies and Distribute)**

**PLEASE VERIFY CREDENTIALS OF YOUR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR**

(Bismarck, ND) – Consumers beware of unlicensed electrical contractors. Due to the increased activity of work in the State of North Dakota and economic downturn across the United States, there are a lot of individuals traveling to North Dakota seeking work. If you are in need of electrical work and are hiring an electrical contractor, please make sure that the individual is licensed with the North Dakota State Electrical Board. Information can be found through our website at [www.ndseb.com](http://www.ndseb.com), click on Search, “Find a Licensed Contractor,” sending an e-mail to [electric@nd.gov](mailto:electric@nd.gov) or by calling (701) 328-9522.

The North Dakota State Electrical Board (NDSEB) has seen an increase in individuals contracting to do electrical work without a license and advertising illegally and has issued several cease and desist orders as well as pursued criminal charges. Although hiring an unlicensed electrical contractor to do work could save you money in the short term, it could be very expensive financially and will ultimately increase your risk and liability, including lack of workmanship and injuries that may result in the course of the individual’s performance. Most of these individuals are unreliable and eventually disappear. The North Dakota State Electrical Board assures you that there are reasons contractors are required to be licensed, including accountability.

In order to minimize your risk, NDSEB urges consumers to follow these tips:

- \* Verify the individual’s identity.
- \* Check for the electrical contractor’s state business license number (issued by N.D. Secretary of State);
- \* Ask to see his/her plastic pocket electrician’s ID license card (issued by North Dakota State Electrical Board);
- \* Verify the electrical contractor is insured and bonded; and
- \* Don’t pay in cash.

Out-of-state licenses do not transfer. They need to have a North Dakota electrical contractor’s license. We are urging citizens to don’t take a chance by hiring an unlicensed electrical contractor.

If you have any questions, please contact the N.D. State Electrical Board at (701) 328-9522.

