

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT - STRUCTURAL SAFETY
REGARDING THE

2013 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE,

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 3**

The Division of the State Architect (Structural Safety) finds that no revisions have been made that would warrant a change to the informative digest contained in the Notice for Title 24, Part 3.

Summary Immediately Preceding Laws and Regulations

Summary of Existing Laws

Section 16022 of the Health & Safety Code authorizes the State Architect to establish building electrical standards for state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings.

Sections 17310 and 81142 of the Education Code authorize the State Architect to establish building electrical standards for public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges.

Section 81053 of the Education Code directs the State Architect (DGS) to establish building standards for use by community colleges that elect not to utilize the Field Act.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Building electrical design, construction and inspection standards for state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings, public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect-Structural Safety.

These regulations are contained in Part 3 of Title 24, also known as the California Electrical Code. Existing regulations in Part 3, Title 24, are based on the adoption by the State of California of the 2008 edition *National Electrical Code* or *NEC*, published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc. (NFPA).

Summary of Effect

The proposed action would update Part 3 of Title 24 by:

- Repealing the currently adopted model code, the 2008 edition NEC
- Adopting the most recent edition of the selected model code, the 2011 edition NEC.
- Repealing existing amendments deemed to be sufficiently addressed by the adopted model code and referenced standards.
- Updating existing California amendments as required for coordination with the 2011 NEC, and its referenced standards, for effectiveness as the next California Electrical Code.