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SYNOPSIS

Raises pay for election workers to \$300 per day.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning compensation for election workers and
2 amending R.S.19:45-6 and P.L.2001, c.245.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.19:45-6 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:45-6. The compensation of each member of the district
9 boards for all services performed by them under the provisions of
10 this Title shall be as follows:

11 In all counties, for all services rendered including the counting of
12 the votes, and in counties wherein voting machines are used, the
13 tabulation of the votes registered on the voting machines, and the
14 delivery of the returns, registry binders, ballot boxes and keys for
15 the voting machines to the proper election officials, **[\$200]** \$300
16 each time the primary election, the general election or any special
17 election is held under this Title; provided, however, that:

18 a. (1) The member of the board charged with the duty of
19 obtaining and signing for the signature copy registers shall receive
20 an additional \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited
21 to only one board member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two
22 board members if they share such responsibility for the signature
23 copy registers, and (2) the member of the board charged with the
24 duty of returning the signature copy registers shall receive an
25 additional \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited to
26 only one board member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two board
27 members if they share such responsibility for the signature copy
28 registers;

29 b. In the case of any member of the board who is required under
30 R.S.19:50-1 to attend in a given year a training program for district
31 board members, but who fails to attend such a training program in
32 that year, that compensation shall be \$50.00 for each of those
33 elections;

34 c. In counties wherein voting machines are used no
35 compensation shall be paid for any services rendered at any special
36 election held at the same time as any primary or general election.
37 Such compensation shall be in lieu of all other fees and payments;
38 and

39 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school
40 election held at a time other than the time of the general election
41 shall be paid by the board of education of the school district
42 conducting the election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that the
43 board of education may compensate such district board members at
44 a pro-rated hourly rate consistent with the daily rate up to a
45 maximum of \$14.29. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 this section shall also apply to district board members serving at a
2 school election held at a time other than at the time of the general
3 election, except that in the case of subsection b., the compensation
4 shall be at an hourly rate of \$3.85.

5 Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but
6 not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no
7 compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district
8 board who may have been removed from office or application for
9 the removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.
10 (cf. P.L.2011, c.202, s.32)

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12 2. Section 6 of P.L.2001, c.245 (C.19:45-6.2) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 6. In accordance with the provisions of Art.VIII, Sec.II, par.5 of
15 the Constitution, upon application for reimbursement by a county
16 governing body to the Attorney General and approval of the
17 application by the Director of the Division of Budget and
18 Accounting, a county shall be reimbursed by the State for:

19 a. compensation to each member of the district board of
20 elections who shall have served at the general election, the primary
21 election, and any nonpartisan municipal, special, or recall election,
22 and who shall have qualified for and been paid **[\$200]** \$300 for
23 such service in accordance with R.S.19:45-6, the sum of **[\$125]**
24 \$225; and

25 b. any additional costs incurred by the county as a result of the
26 provisions of this act, P.L.2001, c.245.
27 (cf. P.L.2001, c.245, s.6)

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill increases the compensation of election workers from
35 \$200 per day to \$300 per day.

36 Under current law, election workers are paid \$200 per day each
37 time the primary election, the general election, or any special
38 election is held. The State reimburses \$125 of the payment to
39 election workers while the counties account for the rest. This bill
40 increases the State's reimbursement to \$225 while keeping the
41 counties sum at \$75.