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SYNOPSIS

Raises pay for election workers to \$300 per day; appropriates \$5,000,000 to Department of State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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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 and making an
3 appropriation.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. R.S.19:45-6 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 maximum of \$14.29. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of
2 this section shall also apply to district board members serving at a
3 school election held at a time other than at the time of the general
4 election, except that in the case of subsection b., the compensation
5 shall be at an hourly rate of \$3.85.

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

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

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

20 a. compensation to each member of the district board of
21 elections who shall have served at the general election, the primary
22 election, and any nonpartisan municipal, special, or recall election,
23 and who shall have qualified for and been paid **[\$200]** \$300 for
24 such service in accordance with R.S.19:45-6, the sum of **[\$125]**
25 \$225; and

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

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30 3. There is appropriated from the State General Fund to the
31 Department of State the sum of \$5,000,000 to be distributed among
32 the counties subject to the requirements of sections 1 and 2 of this
33 act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as
34 reimbursement for the costs of implementing the provisions of this
35 act.

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37 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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42 This bill increases the compensation of election workers from \$200
43 per day to \$300 per day. Under current law, election workers are paid
44 \$200 per day each time the primary election, the general election, or
45 any special election is held. The State reimburses \$125 of the payment
46 to election workers while the counties account for the rest. This bill
47 increases the State's reimbursement to \$225 while keeping the
48 counties sum at \$75.

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- 1 The bill appropriates from the State General Fund to the
- 2 Department of State the sum of \$5,000,000 to reimburse the counties
- 3 for the costs of implementing the bill's provisions.