

SENATE, No. 1177

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 30, 1996

By Senator BASSANO

1 AN ACT concerning the compensation of certain election officers and
2 amending R.S.19:45-6.

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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 boards
9 for all services performed by them under the provisions of this Title
10 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 the
15 voting machines to the proper election officials, \$75.00 each time the
16 primary election, the general election or any special election is held
17 under this Title, except that the governing body of a county may, by
18 ordinance or resolution as appropriate, provide that such amount shall
19 be \$100 for the members of each district board within the county
20 performing those services at such an election; provided, however, that:

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

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

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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

5 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school
6 election shall be paid by the board of education of the school district
7 conducting the election at an hourly rate [of \$5.77] equal to 1/13 of
8 the daily compensation payable to members of district boards of
9 elections within the county, exclusive of any adjustments to that
10 compensation which may be made pursuant to subsection a., b. or c.
11 of this section.

12 Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but
13 not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no
14 compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district board
15 who may have been removed from office or application for the
16 removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.
17 (cf: P.L.1995, c.278, s.21)

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 Under the provisions of P.L.1995, c.193, approved on August 2,
25 1995, the governing body of any county is permitted, by ordinance or
26 resolution, to increase the basic compensation received by members of
27 district boards of elections each time the primary election, the general
28 election or any special election is held from \$75 to \$100.

29 Pursuant to P.L.1995, c.278, approved on December 22, 1995, the
30 compensation for district board members serving at a school election
31 was set at an hourly rate of \$5.77. This amount was derived from the
32 formula that previously dictated school election workers
33 compensation: 1/13 of the daily compensation paid to district board
34 members who served at a primary, general or special election.

35 As a result of these enactments, the compensation of district board
36 members in counties that have increased compensation for serving at
37 a primary, general or special election would be \$100, but for those
38 same members the compensation for serving at a school election would
39 be based on \$75 per day.

40 The bill addresses the discrepancy by returning to the formula used
41 previously and provides that the compensation for district board
42 members serving at a school election shall be paid by the board of
43 education of the school district conducting the election at an hourly
44 rate equal to 1/13 of the daily compensation payable to members of
45 district boards of elections within the county. Use of this formula will
46 insure that district board members who serve at a school election will

1 be compensated at a rate that is proportional to the rate that those
2 members receive for serving at a primary, general or special election.

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7 Increases compensation, under certain circumstances, for election

8 district board members who serve at a school election.