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SYNOPSIS

Raises pay for election workers to \$400 per day or State minimum wage, whichever is greater; provides \$50 for completing election worker training; appropriates \$5,000,000 to Department of State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on June 30, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/5/2020)

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]**
17 ¹**[\$300]** ²**[\$275¹]** \$400 or the State minimum wage required
18 pursuant to Article I, paragraph 23 of the New Jersey Constitution,
19 whichever is greater,² each time the primary election, the general
20 election or any special election is held under this Title; provided,
21 however, that:

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

33 b. In the case of any member of the board who is required
34 under R.S.19:50-1 to attend in a given year a training program for
35 district board members, ³**[but who]** the member shall receive
36 \$50.00 after the completion of the training program. If the
37 member³ fails to attend such a training program in that year, that
38 compensation ³for the member³ shall be \$50.00 for each of those
39 elections;

40 c. In counties wherein voting machines are used no
41 compensation shall be paid for any services rendered at any special
42 election held at the same time as any primary or general election.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted February 10, 2020.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

³Senate floor amendments adopted June 30, 2021.

1 Such compensation shall be in lieu of all other fees and payments;
2 and

3 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school
4 election held at a time other than the time of the general election
5 shall be paid by the board of education of the school district
6 conducting the election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that the
7 board of education may compensate such district board members at
8 a pro-rated hourly rate consistent with the daily rate up to a
9 maximum of ¹[\$14.29] \$19.64¹. The provisions of subsections a.,
10 b., and c. of this section shall also apply to district board members
11 serving at a school election held at a time other than at the time of
12 the general election, except that in the case of subsection b., the
13 compensation shall be at an hourly rate of \$3.85.

14 Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but
15 not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no
16 compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district
17 board who may have been removed from office or application for
18 the removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.
19 (cf: P.L.2011, c.202, s.32)
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21 2. Section 6 of P.L.2001, c.245 (C.19:45-6.2) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 6. In accordance with the provisions of Art.VIII, Sec.II, par.5
24 of the Constitution, upon application for reimbursement by a county
25 governing body to the ²[Attorney General] Secretary of State² and
26 approval of the application by the Director of the Division of
27 Budget and Accounting, a county shall be reimbursed by the State
28 for:

29 a. compensation to each member of the district board of
30 elections who shall have served at the general election, the primary
31 election, and any nonpartisan municipal, special, or recall election,
32 and who shall have qualified for and been paid [\$200] ¹[\$300]
33 ²[\$275¹] \$400 or the State minimum wage required pursuant to
34 Article I, paragraph 23 of the New Jersey Constitution, whichever is
35 greater.² for such service in accordance with R.S.19:45-6, the sum
36 ²[of]² [\$125] ¹[\$225] ²[\$200¹] equal to the compensation paid
37 less \$75²; and

38 b. any additional costs incurred by the county as a result of the
39 provisions of this act, ²[P.L.2001, c.245] P.L. , c. (pending
40 before the Legislature as this bill)².
41 (cf: P.L.2001, c.245, s.6)
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43 3. There is appropriated from the State General Fund to the
44 Department of State the sum of \$5,000,000 to be distributed among
45 the counties subject to the requirements of ²[sections 1 and] section

1 6 of P.L.2001, c.245 (C.19:45-6.2), as amended by section² 2 of this
2 act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as
3 reimbursement for the costs of implementing the provisions of this
4 act.

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6 4. This act shall take effect immediately.