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**SYNOPSIS**

Raises pay for election workers to \$300 per day; appropriates \$7,000,000 to Department of State.

**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 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 boards  
10 for all services performed by them under the provisions of this Title  
11 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 the  
16 voting machines to the proper election officials, **[\$200]** \$300 each  
17 time the primary election, the general election or any special election  
18 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 an  
21 additional \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited to only  
22 one board member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two board  
23 members if they share such responsibility for the signature copy  
24 registers, and (2) the member of the board charged with the duty of  
25 returning the signature copy registers shall receive an additional  
26 \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited to only one board  
27 member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two board members if they  
28 share such responsibility for the signature copy 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 that  
32 year, that compensation shall be \$50.00 for each of those elections;

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

37 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school  
38 election held at a time other than the time of the general election shall  
39 be paid by the board of education of the school district conducting the  
40 election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that the board of education  
41 may compensate such district board members at a pro-rated hourly rate  
42 consistent with the daily rate up to a maximum of **[\$14.29]** \$19.64.  
43 The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section shall also  
44 apply to district board members serving at a school election held at a  
45 time other than at the time of the general election, except that in the

**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 case of subsection b., the compensation shall be at an hourly rate of  
2 \$3.85.

3 Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but  
4 not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no  
5 compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district board  
6 who may have been removed from office or application for the  
7 removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.

8 In the case of any member of the board who is required under  
9 R.S.19:50-1 to attend in a given year a training program for district  
10 board members, a county may provide, at its discretion, compensation  
11 to such a member who attends the training program in an amount  
12 determined by the county, and the compensation shall be an expense of  
13 the county.

14 (cf. P.L.2011, c.202, s.32)

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

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

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

28 b. any additional costs incurred by the county as a result of the  
29 provisions of this act, P.L.2001, c.245.

30 (cf. P.L.2001, c.245, s.6)

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32 3. There is appropriated from the State General Fund to the  
33 Department of State the sum of \$7,000,000 to be distributed among the  
34 counties subject to the requirements of section 6 of P.L.2001, c.245  
35 (C.19:45-6.2), as amended by section 2 of this act,  
36 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as  
37 reimbursement for the costs of implementing the provisions of this act.

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39 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## 42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill increases the compensation of election workers from \$200  
45 per day to \$300 per day and appropriates \$7,000,000 to the  
46 Department of State.

47 Under current law, election workers are paid \$200 per day each  
48 time the primary election, the general election, or any special election

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1 is held. The State reimburses \$125 of the payment to election workers  
2 while the counties account for the rest. This bill increases the State's  
3 reimbursement to \$225 while keeping the counties sum at \$75.

4 The bill increases the maximum hourly rate for election workers  
5 serving at a school election held at a time other than the general  
6 election, from \$14.29 to \$19.64. The bill also permits a county to  
7 provide an election worker training program for district board  
8 members at the expense of the county.

9 The bill clarifies that the Secretary of State handles election  
10 reimbursement matters rather than the Attorney General.

11 The bill appropriates from the State General Fund to the  
12 Department of State the sum of \$7,000,000 to reimburse the counties  
13 for the costs of implementing the bill's provisions.