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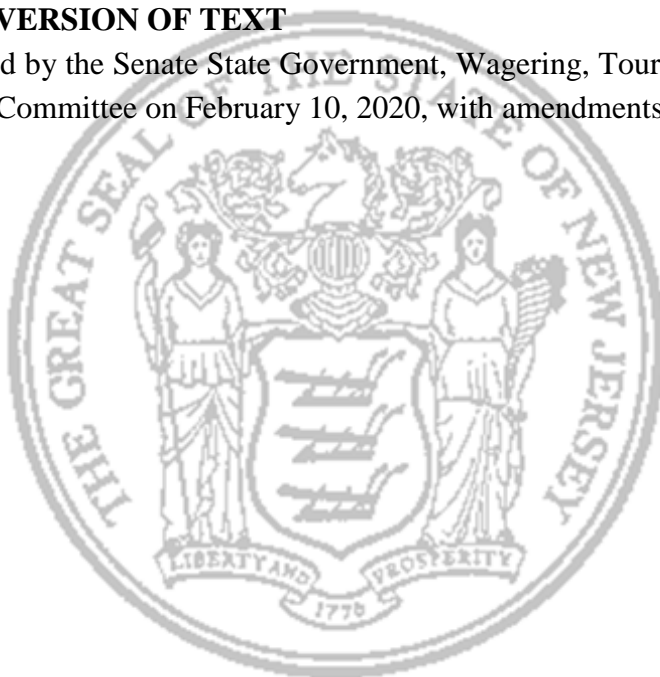
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SYNOPSIS

Raises pay for election workers to \$275 per day; appropriates \$5,000,000 to Department of State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on February 10, 2020, with amendments.



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S598 [1R] BEACH, CRYAN

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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]**
17 ¹**[\$300]** \$275¹ each time the primary election, the general election
18 or any special election is held under this Title; provided, however,
19 that:

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

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

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

41 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school
42 election held at a time other than the time of the general election
43 shall be paid by the board of education of the school district
44 conducting the election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that 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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted February 10, 2020.

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

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

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

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

22 a. compensation to each member of the district board of
23 elections who shall have served at the general election, the primary
24 election, and any nonpartisan municipal, special, or recall election,
25 and who shall have qualified for and been paid ~~[\$200]~~ ~~1~~ ~~[\$300]~~
26 \$275¹ for such service in accordance with R.S.19:45-6, the sum of
27 ~~[\$125]~~ ~~1~~ ~~[\$225]~~ \$200¹; 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 \$5,000,000 to be distributed among
34 the counties subject to the requirements of sections 1 and 2 of this
35 act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as
36 reimbursement for the costs of implementing the provisions of this
37 act.

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39 4. This act shall take effect immediately.