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District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Raises pay for election workers to \$300 per full day and permits compensation of \$150 per half day; appropriates \$5 million 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
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 for a full day of services and \$150 for a half day of services each
18 time the primary election, the general election or any special
19 election is held under this Title; provided, however, 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 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
34 that year, that compensation shall be \$50.00 for each of those
35 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
45 board of education may compensate such district board members at

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

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

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

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

22 a. compensation to each member of the district board of elections
23 who shall have served a full day 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】** \$300 for
26 such service in accordance with R.S.19:45-6, the sum of **【\$125】**
27 \$225; [and]

28 b. compensation to each member of the district board of
29 elections who shall have served a half day at the general election,
30 the primary election, and any nonpartisan municipal, special, or
31 recall election, and who shall have qualified for and been paid \$150
32 for such service in accordance with R.S.19:45-6, the sum of \$75;
33 and

34 c. any additional costs incurred by the county as a result of the
35 provisions of this act, **【P.L.2001, c.245】** P.L. , c. (pending
36 before the Legislature as this bill).
37 (cf. P.L.2001, c.245, s.6)

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39 3. There is appropriated from the State General Fund to the
40 Department of State the sum of \$5,000,000 to be distributed among
41 the counties subject to the requirements of section 2 of this act,
42 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as
43 reimbursement for the costs of implementing the provisions of this
44 act.

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46 4. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

STATEMENT

This bill increases the compensation of election workers from \$200 per day to \$300 per day for a full day of services and permits compensation of election workers of \$150 per day for a half day of services. This bill also appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Department of State.

Under current law, election workers are paid \$200 per day for a full day each time the primary election, the general election, or any special election is held. The State reimburses \$125 of the payment to election workers while the counties account for the rest.

This bill increases the compensation for election workers who work a full day to \$300. For election workers who work a half-day, the compensation will be \$150. This bill increases the State's reimbursement to \$225 for full day workers while keeping the counties' sum at \$75. For half-day workers, the State's reimbursement would be \$75 and the counties' sum \$75.

This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Department of State to be distributed among the counties subject to the requirements of this bill as reimbursement for the costs of implementing the provisions of this bill.