

Chapter 247

(Senate Bill 534)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Board of Elections – Membership and Compensation

FOR the purpose of altering which salaries the Washington County Salary Study Commission is required to study; altering the number of regular members of the Washington County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of certain political parties; requiring a vacancy on the local board to be filled in a certain manner; repealing the requirement that members of the local board be paid a certain amount; requiring that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners set the salaries of members of the local board; repealing the requirement that substitute members of the local board be paid a certain amount; ~~providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the local board during a certain term of office;~~ providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the membership and compensation of the Washington County Board of Elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions
Section 12–205(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–201(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)
(As enacted by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–201(l) and 2–204 (a)(22) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)
(As enacted by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

12-205.

- (a) The Commission shall study the salaries of the Washington County:
- (1) Board of County Commissioners;
 - (2) Board of Education;
 - (3) Orphans' Court judges;
 - (4) Sheriff;
 - (5) Treasurer; **AND**
 - (6) [Board of Supervisors of Elections; and
 - (7)] Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

Article – Election Law

2-201.

- (a) (1) There is a county board of elections in each county of the State.
- (2) Each local board and its staff is subject to the direction and authority of the State Board and is accountable to the State Board for its actions in all matters regarding the implementation of the requirements of this article and any applicable federal law.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in subsections (j), (k), and (l) of this section, each local board consists of three regular members and two substitute members.
- (2) Two regular members and one substitute member shall be of the majority party, and one regular member and one substitute member shall be of the principal minority party.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (l) of this section, in the event of the absence of a regular member or a vacancy in the office of a regular member, the substitute member of the same political party shall exercise the powers and duties of a regular member until the regular member returns or the vacancy is filled as prescribed in subsection (h) of this section.
- (l) (1) In Wicomico County, Worcester County, **[and]** Somerset County, **AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**, the local board consists of five regular members.

(2) Three regular members shall be of the majority party, and two regular members shall be of the principal minority party.

(3) (i) If a vacancy occurs on the local board, the Governor shall appoint an eligible person from the same political party as the predecessor member to fill the vacancy in accordance with subsection (g) of this section for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(ii) An appointment made while the Senate of Maryland is not in session shall be considered temporary until the appointee is confirmed by the Senate.

2-204.

(a) Each regular member of a local board shall receive the salary and reimbursement of expenses provided in the county budget, but in no event may the annual compensation be less than the following amounts:

(22) in Washington County, [\$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for other regular members] **THE AMOUNT SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;**

(b) (1) Consistent with paragraph (2) of this subsection, each substitute member shall be compensated for each day of service as provided in the county budget.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a substitute member shall be compensated at a rate of at least \$25 for each meeting of the local board that the substitute member attends.

(ii) 1. In Baltimore City, a substitute member shall be paid \$200 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

2. In Calvert County, a substitute member shall be paid at least \$50 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

3. In Frederick County, a substitute member shall be paid \$4,500 annually.

4. In Garrett County, a substitute member shall be paid the amount set by the County Commissioners under Chapter 91 of the Public Local Laws of Garrett County.

5. In Kent County, a substitute member shall be paid at least \$50 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

[6. In Washington County, a substitute member shall be paid \$75 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.]

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Washington County Board of Elections during a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Washington County Board of Elections shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.~~

SECTION ~~3.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1~~ June 6, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.