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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_

## 1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Election <u>Judges Laws</u> - <u>Washington County Single County Provisions</u>

- 3 FOR the purpose of increasing the compensation of chief election judges and other
- 4 election judges in Washington County; providing that this <u>increase</u> does not
- 5 apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent election judges in
- 6 Washington County; authorizing a member of the General Assembly to acquire
- 7 the names and addresses of election judges in Washington County; providing
- 8 that a provision regulating the placement of certain political messages on
- 9 certain properties does not apply in Charles, Washington, Wicomico, and
- Worcester counties; and generally relating to the compensation of election
- 11 judges in Washington County application and modification of certain election
- provisions applicable to specified counties.
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article 33 Election Code
- 15 Section 10-205
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 19 Article 27 Crimes and Punishments
- 20 <u>Section 452</u>
- 21 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 22 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

1 2	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:						
3	Article 33 - Election Code						
4	10-205.						
5 6	(a) A local board may fix the compensation of election judges within the limits authorized for this purpose by the county's governing body.						
7 8	(b) (1) may not be less than:	In Allegany County, the compensation for each day actually served :					
9		(i)	\$100 per day for each chief election judge; and				
10		(ii)	\$80 per day for every other election judge.				
11 12	(2) served shall be:	In Baltii	more City, the compensation for each election day actually				
13		(i)	\$125 per day for each chief election judge; and				
14		(ii)	\$100 per day for every other election judge.				
15 16	(3) served shall be:	In Baltii	more County, the compensation for each election day actually				
17		(i)	\$160 per day for each chief election judge; and				
18		(ii)	\$125 per day for every other election judge.				
19 20	(4) served shall be:	In Calve	ert County, the compensation for each election day actually				
21		(i)	\$125 per day for each chief election judge; and				
22		(ii)	\$100 per day for every other election judge.				
23 24	(5) day actually served si	(i) hall be:	In Prince George's County, the compensation for each election				
25			1. \$150 per day for two chief election judges; and				
26			2. \$100 per day for every other election judge.				
29		S25 as co	1. In Prince George's County, except as provided under oparagraph, election judges and alternate election impensation for completing the course of instruction is subtitle.				

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		2. An election judge or alternate election judge may not exceive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph if the election judge efuses to serve on an election day, unless the local board excuses the election judge.						
4 5	actually serv	(6) ed shall b	(i) be:	In Washington County, the compensation for each election day				
6 7	mileage allo	wance as	determin	1. [\$100] \$125 per day for each chief election judge, plus a ed by the Washington County Board; and				
8				2. [\$80] \$100 per day for every other election judge.				
11	(ii) In Washington County, a chief election judge or election judge who successfully completes a course of instruction in poll working shall be eligible for additional compensation, if approved by the Washington County Board and provided for in the County budget.							
13 14	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:							
15	Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments							
16	<u>452.</u>							
19	(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place or cause to be placed upon any property of the State, county, city or town, or upon any property in which the person or persons have no right, title, interest, or estate, any political poster, placard, picture, sign, transparency, or advertisement.							
21 22	1 (b) Any person or persons so doing shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not 2 more than \$50 nor less than \$10 and costs.							
23	(c) The requirements of this section apply only in the following counties:							
24		<u>(1)</u>	Allegan	y County				
25		<u>(2)</u>	Anne A	rundel County				
26		<u>(3)</u>	Baltimo	re County				
27		<u>(4)</u>	<u>Carroll</u> (	County				
28		<u>(5)</u>	[Charles County					
29		<u>(6)]</u>	<u>Harford</u>	County				
30		<u>[(7)]</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Howard County				
31		[(8)]	<u>(7)</u>	Prince George's County				
32		[(9)]	<u>(8)</u>	Queen Anne's County				

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1	<u>[(10)</u>	Washington County
2	<u>(11)</u>	Worcester County
3	(12)	Wicomico County].

- 4 SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III,
- 5 Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, Section 1 of this Act may not be construed
- 6 to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Washington County Election
- 7 Judges election judges in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of
- 8 Section 1 of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Washington County
- 9 Election Judges election judges shall take effect at the beginning of the next following 10 term of office.
- 11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the
- 12 provisions of § 10-617(e) of the State Government Article or any other law, a member
- 13 of the General Assembly may acquire the names and addresses of election judges in
- 14 Washington County.
- 15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 16 October July 1, 2000.