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By: ~~Senator Neall~~ **Senators Neall and Middleton**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Boards of Election - Employee Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections, upon the recommendation  
4 of the State Administrator, to determine the fixed rate of compensation of  
5 certain local election board employees; and generally relating to compensation  
6 and local election board employees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 2-207  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 2-207.

16 (a) (1) This section applies to each employee of a local board.

17 (2) This section does not apply to:

18 (i) Local board counsel; or

19 (ii) An election judge.

1 (b) This section does not alter in any manner the method by which the salary  
2 of an employee of a local board is funded by the county in which the employee is  
3 employed.

4 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, if the employees of  
5 a local board are covered by its county merit system:

6 (i) The employees shall be classified employees under the county  
7 merit system; [and]

8 (ii) The employees may be appointed and removed subject to the  
9 personnel regulations of the county in which the local board is located; AND

10 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING § 4-201 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND  
11 PENSIONS ARTICLE, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, THE  
12 STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE FIXED RATE OF COMPENSATION OF THE  
13 EMPLOYEES.

14 (2) If the employees of a local board are not covered by its county merit  
15 system:

16 (i) The employees shall be in the skilled service or professional  
17 service of the State Personnel Management System; and

18 (ii) Appointment and removal of the employees shall be in  
19 accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that  
20 govern skilled service or professional service employees.

21 (d) Each classified employee shall be a registered voter of the State.

22 (e) An employee of a local board is subject to the restrictions and requirements  
23 of § 2-301 of this article.

24 (f) The elections administrator in Prince George's County shall be in the  
25 exempt service under the Prince George's County Personnel System.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2000.