

HOUSE BILL 733

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Election Judges – Shifts at Polling Places on Election Day**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a local board of elections to appoint an election judge
4 to serve for part of a day at a polling place on election day; specifying that a
5 local board shall apportion the compensation for an election judge on the basis
6 of each day or part of a day that the election judge serves; and generally relating
7 to shifts for election judges at polling places on election day.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Election Law
10 Section 10–203 and 10–205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 10–203.

17 (a) The election director, with the approval of the local board[,]:

18 (1) shall appoint the election judges for each polling place for a term
19 that begins on the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before each statewide primary election;
20 **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) MAY APPOINT AN ELECTION JUDGE TO SERVE FOR ALL OR**
2 **PART OF A DAY AT A POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF AN ELECTION.**

3 (b) One or two election judges in each precinct shall:

4 (1) be designated chief judge; and

5 (2) supervise the staff at the polling place.

6 (c) The term of office for an election judge continues until the Tuesday that
7 is 13 weeks before the next statewide primary election unless:

8 (1) the local board excuses the person for good cause; or

9 (2) a special election is held during the election judge's term of office
10 and the State Board determines that a local board may not need the service of all of
11 the appointed election judges.

12 (d) A local board shall fill each vacant election judge position in the same
13 manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

14 10–205.

15 (a) **(1)** A local board may fix the compensation of election judges within
16 the limits authorized for this purpose by the county's governing body.

17 **(2) A LOCAL BOARD SHALL APPORTION THE COMPENSATION FOR**
18 **AN ELECTION JUDGE ON THE BASIS OF EACH DAY OR PART OF A DAY THAT THE**
19 **ELECTION JUDGE ACTUALLY SERVES.**

20 (b) (1) In Allegany County, the compensation for each day actually served
21 may not be less than:

22 (i) \$100 per day for each chief election judge; and

23 (ii) \$80 per day for every other election judge.

24 (2) (i) In Baltimore City, the compensation for each election day
25 actually served shall be:

1 1. not less than \$200 per day for each chief election
2 judge; and

3 2. not less than \$150 per day for every other election
4 judge.

5 (ii) 1. In Baltimore City, except as provided in
6 subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, an election judge shall receive \$20 as
7 compensation for completing the course of instruction required under § 10–206(f)(1) of
8 this subtitle.

9 2. Unless the local board excuses the election judge from
10 service, an election judge who fails to serve on election day may not receive the
11 compensation authorized under this subparagraph.

12 (3) In Baltimore County, the compensation for each election day
13 actually served shall be:

14 (i) \$160 per day for each chief election judge; and

15 (ii) \$125 per day for every other election judge.

16 (4) In Calvert County, the compensation for each election day actually
17 served shall be:

18 (i) \$125 per day for each chief election judge; and

19 (ii) \$100 per day for every other election judge.

20 (5) In Harford County, the compensation for each election day actually
21 served shall be:

22 (i) not less than \$160 per day for each chief election judge; and

23 (ii) not less than \$125 per day for every other election judge.

24 (6) (i) In Prince George's County, the compensation for each
25 election day actually served shall be:

26 1. \$200 per day for two chief election judges; and

27 2. \$125 per day for every other election judge.

1 (ii) 1. In Prince George's County, except as provided under
2 sub-subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, election judges and alternate election
3 judges shall receive \$25 as compensation for completing the course of instruction
4 required under § 10-206 of this subtitle.

5 2. An election judge or alternate election judge may not
6 receive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph if the election judge
7 refuses to serve on an election day, unless the local board excuses the election judge.

8 (7) (i) In Washington County, the compensation for each election
9 day actually served shall be:

10 1. \$175 per day for each chief election judge, plus a
11 mileage allowance as determined by the Washington County Board; and

12 2. \$150 per day for every other election judge.

13 (ii) In Washington County, a chief election judge or election
14 judge who successfully completes a course of instruction in poll working shall be
15 eligible for additional compensation, if approved by the Washington County Board and
16 provided for in the county budget.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2007.