

HOUSE BILL 732

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By: **Delegates Cane, Conway, Eckardt, Elmore, Haddaway, and Mathias**
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2009
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Local Board of Elections - Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the compensation of a substitute member of the local
4 board of elections in Wicomico County; repealing a certain requirement relating
5 to the compensation of the counsel to the local board of elections in Wicomico
6 County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of
7 an incumbent substitute member of the local board of elections in Wicomico
8 County; and generally relating to the compensation of the local board of
9 elections in Wicomico County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Election Law
12 Section 2-204 and 2-205
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Election Law**

18 2-204.

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

22 (1) in Allegany County, the amount set by the County Commissioners
23 under Article 24, Title 12, Subtitle 1 of the Code;

24 (2) in Anne Arundel County, \$2,400;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) in Baltimore City, \$11,000 for the president and \$10,000 for other
2 regular members;

3 (4) in Baltimore County, \$4,000 for the president and \$3,000 for other
4 regular members;

5 (5) in Calvert County, \$3,000 and reimbursement for expenses in the
6 performance of their duties;

7 (6) in Caroline County, \$2,750 for the president, \$2,500 for other
8 regular members, and reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of
9 election duties in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations;

10 (7) in Carroll County, \$3,000;

11 (8) in Cecil County, \$1,250 for the president, \$1,000 for other regular
12 members, and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of
13 election activities which occur outside the county;

14 (9) in Charles County, \$800;

15 (10) in Dorchester County, \$3,000 and expenses as authorized by the
16 County Commissioners;

17 (11) in Frederick County, \$5,500 for the president and \$5,000 for other
18 regular members;

19 (12) in Garrett County, the amount set by the County Commissioners
20 under Chapter 91 of the Public Local Laws of Garrett County;

21 (13) in Harford County, \$2,000 for the president and \$1,700 for other
22 regular members;

23 (14) in Howard County, \$2,800 for the president and \$2,000 for other
24 regular members;

25 (15) in Kent County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,500 for other
26 regular members;

27 (16) in Montgomery County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for
28 other regular members;

29 (17) in Prince George's County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for
30 other regular members;

31 (18) in Queen Anne's County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,200 for
32 other regular members;

1 (19) in St. Mary's County, \$800;

2 (20) in Somerset County, \$1,000;

3 (21) in Talbot County, \$600;

4 (22) in Washington County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for
5 other regular members;

6 (23) in Wicomico County, \$2,400 for the president and \$1,800 for other
7 regular members; and

8 (24) in Worcester County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,200 for other
9 regular members.

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

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

15 (ii) 1. In Baltimore City, a substitute member shall be paid
16 \$200 for each meeting that the substitute member attends.

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

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

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

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

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

28 7. In Wicomico County, a substitute member shall be
29 paid **AT LEAST** \$1,200 annually.

30 2-205.

31 (a) Each local board may appoint or retain as counsel an individual who is:

1 (1) a registered voter of its county; and

2 (2) admitted to practice law in the State.

3 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the salary
4 of counsel shall be set by the local board in accordance with the county budget.

5 (2) (i) In Anne Arundel County, the counsel may not be
6 compensated less than the salary of a local board member.

7 (ii) In Baltimore County, the counsel may not be compensated
8 less than \$2,000.

9 (iii) In Montgomery County, the counsel shall receive an annual
10 salary of \$2,000.

11 (iv) In Prince George's County, the counsel shall receive an
12 annual salary of \$4,500.

13 [(v) In Wicomico County, the counsel shall receive an annual
14 salary of \$1,200, paid in equal quarterly installments by the county council.]

15 [(vi)] (v) In Worcester County, the counsel shall receive an
16 annual salary as provided in the county budget, but not less than \$800.

17 (c) In accordance with the county budget and in addition to the
18 compensation specified in subsection (b) of this section, each local board may provide
19 counsel with appropriate additional compensation for services that the local board
20 determines are necessary.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §
22 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
23 the salary or compensation of the substitute member of the Wicomico County local
24 board of elections in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this
25 Act concerning the salary or compensation of the substitute member of the Wicomico
26 County local board of elections shall take effect at the beginning of the next following
27 term of office.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2009.