

## **CHAPTER 79**

**(Senate Bill 573)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Wicomico County – Local Board of Elections – Compensation**

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 2–204 and 2–205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Election Law**

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) in Charles County, \$800;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(21) in Talbot County, \$600;

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

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

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

(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.

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

2-205.

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

(1) a registered voter of its county; and

(2) admitted to practice law in the State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 substitute member of the Wicomico County local board of elections in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the substitute member of the Wicomico County local board of elections shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.**