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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Election Judges – Minimum Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a minimum training course compensation and minimum
4 daily compensation for election judges; and generally relating to compensation for
5 election judges.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Election Law
8 Section 10–205
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 10–205.

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMPENSATION” INCLUDES STIPENDS FOR**
16 **TRANSPORTATION, TRAINING, AND BONUS PAYMENTS.**

17 **[(a)] (B) (1)** A local board may fix the compensation of election judges within
18 the limits authorized for this purpose by the county’s governing body.

19 (2) A local board shall pay an election judge for:

20 **(I) EACH COURSE OF INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER §**
21 **10–206(G)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT THE ELECTION JUDGE COMPLETES; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) each election day and each early voting day that the election
2 judge actually serves.

3 (3) THE COMPENSATION FOR EACH ELECTION DAY AND EACH EARLY
4 VOTING DAY ACTUALLY SERVED MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$250 PER DAY FOR EACH
5 ELECTION JUDGE.

6 (4) THE COMPENSATION FOR EACH COMPLETED COURSE OF
7 INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER § 10-206(G)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE
8 LESS THAN \$50.

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

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

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

13 (2) (i) In Baltimore City, the compensation for each election day or
14 early voting day actually served shall be:

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

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

18 (ii) 1. In Baltimore City, except as provided in subparagraph
19 2 of this subparagraph, an election judge shall receive \$20 as compensation for completing
20 the course of instruction required under § 10-206(g)(1) of this subtitle.

21 2. Unless the local board excuses the election judge from
22 service, an election judge who fails to serve on election day or on an early voting day may
23 not receive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph.

24 (3) In Baltimore County, the compensation for each election day or early
25 voting day actually served shall be:

26 (i) \$225 per day for each chief election judge; and

27 (ii) \$162.50 per day for every other election judge.

28 (4) In Calvert County, the compensation for each election day or early
29 voting day actually served shall be:

30 (i) \$200 per day for each chief election judge; and

1 (ii) \$175 per day for every other election judge.

2 (5) In Harford County, the compensation for each election day or early
3 voting day actually served shall be:

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

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

6 (6) (i) In Prince George's County, the compensation for each election
7 day or early voting day actually served shall be not less than:

8 1. \$250 per day for two chief election judges; and

9 2. \$200 per day for every other election judge.

10 (ii) 1. In Prince George's County, except as provided under
11 subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, election judges and alternate election judges
12 shall receive \$50 as compensation for completing the course of instruction required under
13 § 10–206 of this subtitle.

14 2. An election judge or alternate election judge may not
15 receive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph if the election judge refuses
16 to serve on an election day or on an early voting day, unless the local board excuses the
17 election judge.

18 (7) (i) In Washington County, the compensation for each election day
19 or early voting day actually served shall be:

20 1. \$175 per day for each chief election judge, plus a mileage
21 allowance as determined by the Washington County Board; and

22 2. \$150 per day for every other election judge.

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

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2023.