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CHAPTER _____

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.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(I) THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL PROVIDE**
 2 **SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO MEET THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION LEVELS REQUIRED**
 3 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

4 **(II) WITHIN THE LIMITS AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY**
 5 **GOVERNING BODY, A LOCAL BOARD MAY FIX THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTION**
 6 **JUDGES ABOVE THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION LEVELS REQUIRED UNDER THIS**
 7 **SECTION.**

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

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

11 **(II) each election day and each early voting day that the election**
 12 **judge actually serves.**

13 **(3) ~~(I) THE~~ FOR EACH ELECTION JUDGE WHO HAS NOT**
 14 **PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AN ELECTION JUDGE, THE COMPENSATION FOR EACH**
 15 **ELECTION DAY AND EACH EARLY VOTING DAY ACTUALLY SERVED ~~MAY NOT BE LESS~~**
 16 **THAN SHALL BE AT LEAST \$250 PER DAY ~~FOR EACH ELECTION JUDGE.~~**

17 **(II) FOR EACH ELECTION JUDGE WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED**
 18 **AS AN ELECTION JUDGE, THE COMPENSATION FOR EACH ELECTION DAY AND EACH**
 19 **EARLY VOTING DAY ACTUALLY SERVED SHALL BE AT LEAST \$100 MORE PER DAY**
 20 **THAN THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED TO AN ELECTION JUDGE WHO HAS NOT**
 21 **PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AN ELECTION JUDGE.**

22 **(4) THE COMPENSATION FOR EACH COMPLETED COURSE OF**
 23 **INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER § 10-206(G)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE ~~MAY NOT BE~~**
 24 **~~LESS THAN~~ SHALL BE AT LEAST \$50.**

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

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

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

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

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

32 and

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

2 (ii) 1. In Baltimore City, except as provided in subsubparagraph
3 2 of this subparagraph, an election judge shall receive \$20 as compensation for completing
4 the course of instruction required under § 10–206(g)(1) of this subtitle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 1. \$250 per day for two chief election judges; and

23 2. \$200 per day for every other election judge.

24 (ii) 1. In Prince George’s County, except as provided under
25 subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, election judges and alternate election judges
26 shall receive \$50 as compensation for completing the course of instruction required under
27 § 10–206 of this subtitle.

28 2. An election judge or alternate election judge may not
29 receive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph if the election judge refuses

1 to serve on an election day or on an early voting day, unless the local board excuses the
2 election judge.

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

5 1. \$175 per day for each chief election judge, plus a mileage
6 allowance as determined by the Washington County Board; and

7 2. \$150 per day for every other election judge.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.