

# HOUSE BILL 586

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CF SB 534

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By: **Delegate D. Jones**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Election Judges – Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge  
4 compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election  
5 judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; authorizing a public school  
6 student in the State to both earn hours toward the service–learning graduation  
7 requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge;  
8 and generally relating to election judges.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Election Law  
11 Section 10–205  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 10–205.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) “Compensation” includes stipends for transportation, training, and  
20 bonus payments.

21 (3) “Returning election judge” means an election judge who has served a  
22 term of office for the immediately preceding statewide election.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) (i) The county governing body shall provide sufficient funding to  
2 meet the minimum compensation levels required under this section.

3 (ii) Within the limits authorized by the county governing body, a  
4 local board may fix the compensation of election judges above the minimum compensation  
5 levels required under this section.

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

7 (i) **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, each  
8 course of instruction required under § 10–206(g)(1) of this subtitle that the election judge  
9 completes; and

10 (ii) each election day and each early voting day that the election  
11 judge actually serves.

12 (3) (i) For each election judge who is not a returning election judge, the  
13 compensation for each election day and each early voting day actually served shall be at  
14 least \$250 per day.

15 (ii) For each returning election judge, the compensation for each  
16 election day and each early voting day actually served shall be at least \$100 more per day  
17 than the compensation provided to an election judge who is not a returning election judge.

18 (4) (I) The compensation for each completed course of instruction  
19 required under § 10–206(g)(1) of this subtitle shall be at least \$50.

20 (II) **A LOCAL BOARD SHALL PAY AN ELECTION JUDGE THE  
21 COMPENSATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY  
22 AFTER THE ELECTION JUDGE ACTUALLY SERVES AN ELECTION DAY OR EARLY  
23 VOTING DAY.**

24 (c) The State Board shall reimburse each local board for \$50 of the additional  
25 compensation required under subsection (b)(3)(ii) of this section that is paid to each  
26 returning election judge.

27 (D) **FOR SERVICE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE, A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN  
28 THE STATE MAY BOTH:**

29 (1) **EARN HOURS TOWARD THE SERVICE–LEARNING REQUIREMENT  
30 FOR GRADUATION UNDER COMAR 13A.03.02.05; AND**

31 (2) **RECEIVE THE ELECTION JUDGE COMPENSATION UNDER THIS  
32 SECTION.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2025.