

19:45-6

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SPONSOR(S): Merkt and Augustine

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SENATE: State Government

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FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Original version enacted)

A1849

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1561

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A1849

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes

Identical to Senate Statement for A1849

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1849

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RICK MERKT

District 25 (Morris)

Assemblyman ALAN M. AUGUSTINE

District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Singer, Bucco and Martin

SYNOPSIS

Permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for members of election boards from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/19/2000)

A1849 MERKT, AUGUSTINE

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1 AN ACT permitting counties to increase compensation for members of
2 district boards of election and amending R.S.19:45-6.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.19:45-6 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:45-6. The compensation of each member of the district boards
9 for all services performed by them under the provisions of this Title
10 shall be as follows:

11 In all counties, for all services rendered including the counting of
12 the votes, and in counties wherein voting machines are used, the
13 tabulation of the votes registered on the voting machines, and the
14 delivery of the returns, registry binders, ballot boxes and keys for the
15 voting machines to the proper election officials, \$75.00 each time the
16 primary election, the general election or any special election is held
17 under this Title, except that the governing body of a county may
18 increase the compensation, by ordinance or resolution as appropriate,
19 **[provide that such amount shall be \$100]** to an amount not to exceed
20 \$150 for the members of each district board within the county
21 performing those services at such an election; provided, however, that:

22 a. (1) The member of the board charged with the duty of obtaining
23 and signing for the signature copy registers shall receive an additional
24 \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited to only one board
25 member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two board members if they
26 share such responsibility for the signature copy registers, and (2) the
27 member of the board charged with the duty of returning the signature
28 copy registers shall receive an additional \$12.50 per election, such
29 remuneration being limited to only one board member per election, or
30 \$6.25 to each of two board members if they share such responsibility
31 for the signature copy registers;

32 b. In the case of any member of the board who is required under
33 R.S.19:50-1 to attend in a given year a training program for district
34 board members, but who fails to attend such a training program in that
35 year, that compensation shall be \$50.00 for each of those elections;

36 c. In counties wherein voting machines are used no compensation
37 shall be paid for any services rendered at any special election held at
38 the same time as any primary or general election. Such compensation
39 shall be in lieu of all other fees and payments; and

40 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school
41 election shall be paid by the board of education of the school district
42 conducting the election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that the
43 board of education may compensate such district board members at

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 [an] a pro-rated hourly rate [of \$7.69] consistent with the daily rate
2 up to a maximum of \$11.54 if the school district is within a county
3 that provides [that the compensation] compensation greater than \$75
4 for its district board members at a primary, general or special election
5 [is \$100]. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section
6 shall also apply to district board members serving at a school election,
7 except that in the case of subsection b., the compensation shall be at
8 an hourly rate of \$3.85.

9 Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but
10 not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no
11 compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district board
12 who may have been removed from office or application for the
13 removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.
14 (cf: P.L.1997, c.48, s.1)

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 The bill permits counties to increase the maximum daily
22 compensation for district board of election members from \$100 to an
23 amount not to exceed \$150, if their governing body passes an
24 ordinance or resolution to do so. The bill does not mandate any
25 change in compensation, but merely provides a county option. If a
26 county does not elect to pass such a resolution, compensation for
27 district board members remains at \$75. The bill also increases hourly
28 compensation for members working at school board elections in those
29 counties providing increased daily compensation. This bill may be
30 referred to as the "Poll Workers' Incentive Act".

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1849

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2000

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1849.

Under current law, members of a district board of election (also known as poll workers) are paid \$75 per election, except that the governing body of a county may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that the compensation is \$100 per election.

This bill permits counties to increase the compensation paid to members of a district board to an amount not to exceed \$150 per election, if the governing body of the county passes an ordinance or resolution to do so.

The bill does not mandate any change in compensation; it merely provides a county option. If the governing body of a county does not choose to pass such a resolution, compensation for district board members would remain at either \$75 or \$100 per election.

The bill also increases the pro-rated hourly compensation for members working at school board elections, from \$7.69 to a maximum of \$11.54, in those counties that have chosen to increase compensation.

The bill may be referred to as the "Poll Workers' Incentive Act."

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 1849
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 29, 2000

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for members of election boards for working at primary, general and school elections.

Type of Impact: Optional expenditure increase, counties.

Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Local Cost	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Local Revenue	None	None	None

- ! This bill permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for district board of election members from \$100 to \$150 per election and the hourly rate for their service at school district elections, if the governing body chooses to do so.
- ! At present, four counties have opted not to compensate district board of election members at the maximum daily compensation rate of \$100. These four counties pay the minimum \$75 rate required by law.
- ! There are approximately 26,652 election board members statewide. Each year there is the possibility that three elections will be conducted: general election; primary election; and school district election.
- ! Information is not available to make a determination as to the number of counties that would elect to pay the maximum rate authorized by this bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1849 of 2000 permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for district board of election members from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150, if the governing body passes an ordinance or resolution to do so. The bill does not mandate any change in compensation, but merely provides a county option.

This bill would also raise the compensation for district board members serving at a school

district election to a pro-rated hourly rate consistent with the daily rate up to a maximum of \$11.54 if the school district is within a county that provides compensation greater than \$75 for its district board members at a primary, general or special election.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Information provided informally. See below.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

According to information informally provided by the Division of Elections, there are 6,063 election district boards in the State, 1,200 of which have additional Spanish-speaking members. There are four members per board, with each Spanish-speaking district having an additional two members, for a total of approximately 26,652 election board members statewide.

Information is not available to make a determination as to the number of counties that would elect to pay the maximum rate authorized by this bill. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill can not be determined.

Section: *Law and Public Safety*

Analyst: *James F. Vari*
Associate Fiscal Analyst

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1849

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2000

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1849.

Under current law, members of a district board of election (also known as poll workers) are paid \$75 for each primary, general or special election, except that the governing body of a county may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that the compensation is \$100 per election.

This bill permits a county to increase the maximum daily compensation for district board of election members from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150 if its governing body chooses to do so. The bill does not mandate any change in compensation. If a county does not pass a resolution or enact an ordinance, compensation for district board members remains at either \$75 or \$100 per election.

The bill also increases hourly compensation for members working at school board elections from \$7.69 to a maximum of \$11.54 if the school district is in a county that has chosen to increase compensation.

This bill may be referred to as the "Poll Workers' Incentive Act." Assembly Bill No. 1849 is the same as Senate Bill No. 1561.

SENATE, No. 1561

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for members of election boards from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S1561 SINGER

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1561

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2000

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate, No. 1561.

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This bill may be referred to as the "Poll Workers' Incentive Act." Senate, No. 1561 is the same as Assembly, No. 1849.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, Nos. 1561 and 846

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED DECEMBER 4, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for members of election boards from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate.



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STATEMENT

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28 compensation for members working at school board elections in those
29 counties providing increased daily compensation. This bill may be
30 referred to as the "Poll Workers' Incentive Act".

SENATE, No. 846

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 31, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Allows counties to increase daily compensation for members of election boards from \$100 to \$150.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S846 BUCCO, MARTIN

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1 AN ACT allowing counties to increase compensation for members of
2 district boards of election and amending R.S.19:45-6.

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16 primary election, the general election or any special election is held
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STATEMENT

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19 This bill increases the daily compensation limit for district board of
20 election members from \$100 to \$150, if a governing body of a county
21 passes an ordinance or resolution to do so. If a county does not elect
22 to pass such a resolution, compensation for district board members
23 remains at \$75. The bill also increases the hourly compensation limit
24 for members working at school board elections within a county that
25 provides compensation at the rate of \$150 to correspond to the
26 increased daily rate.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 846

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2000

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 846.

This bill increases the daily compensation for district board of election members serving at a primary, general or special election from \$100 to \$150 if the governing body of the county passes an ordinance or resolution to do so. If a county does not pass such an ordinance or resolution, compensation for district board members will remain at \$75. The bill also increases the hourly compensation rate from \$7.69 to \$11.54 (a corresponding 50% increase) for members serving at a school board election if the school district is within a county that provides compensation of \$150 to members who serve at a primary, general or special election.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 15, *approved January 29, 2001*

Assembly, No. 1849

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3 [an] a pro-rated hourly rate [of \$7.69] consistent with the daily rate
4 up to a maximum of \$11.54 if the school district is within a county
5 that provides [that the compensation] compensation greater than \$75
6 for its district board members at a primary, general or special election
7 [is \$100]. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section
8 shall also apply to district board members serving at a school election,
9 except that in the case of subsection b., the compensation shall be at
10 an hourly rate of \$3.85.

11 Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but
12 not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no
13 compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district board
14 who may have been removed from office or application for the
15 removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.
16 (cf: P.L.1997, c.48, s.1)

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 The bill permits counties to increase the maximum daily
24 compensation for district board of election members from \$100 to an
25 amount not to exceed \$150, if their governing body passes an
26 ordinance or resolution to do so. The bill does not mandate any
27 change in compensation, but merely provides a county option. If a
28 county does not elect to pass such a resolution, compensation for
29 district board members remains at \$75. The bill also increases hourly
30 compensation for members working at school board elections in those
31 counties providing increased daily compensation. This bill may be
32 referred to as the "Poll Workers' Incentive Act".

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37 Permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for
38 members of election boards from \$100 to an amount not to exceed
39 \$150.

CHAPTER 15

AN ACT permitting counties to increase compensation for members of district boards of election and amending R.S.19:45-6.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. R.S.19:45-6 is amended to read as follows:

Members of district boards; compensation.

19:45-6. The compensation of each member of the district boards for all services performed by them under the provisions of this Title shall be as follows:

In all counties, for all services rendered including the counting of the votes, and in counties wherein voting machines are used, the tabulation of the votes registered on the voting machines, and the delivery of the returns, registry binders, ballot boxes and keys for the voting machines to the proper election officials, \$75.00 each time the primary election, the general election or any special election is held under this Title, except that the governing body of a county may increase the compensation, by ordinance or resolution as appropriate, to an amount not to exceed \$150 for the members of each district board within the county performing those services at such an election; provided, however, that:

a. (1) The member of the board charged with the duty of obtaining and signing for the signature copy registers shall receive an additional \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited to only one board member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two board members if they share such responsibility for the signature copy registers, and (2) the member of the board charged with the duty of returning the signature copy registers shall receive an additional \$12.50 per election, such remuneration being limited to only one board member per election, or \$6.25 to each of two board members if they share such responsibility for the signature copy registers;

b. In the case of any member of the board who is required under R.S.19:50-1 to attend in a given year a training program for district board members, but who fails to attend such a training program in that year, that compensation shall be \$50.00 for each of those elections;

c. In counties wherein voting machines are used no compensation shall be paid for any services rendered at any special election held at the same time as any primary or general election. Such compensation shall be in lieu of all other fees and payments; and

d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school election shall be paid by the board of education of the school district conducting the election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that the board of education may compensate such district board members at a pro-rated hourly rate consistent with the daily rate up to a maximum of \$11.54 if the school district is within a county that provides compensation greater than \$75 for its district board members at a primary, general or special election. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section shall also apply to district board members serving at a school election, except that in the case of subsection b., the compensation shall be at an hourly rate of \$3.85.

Compensation due each member shall be paid within 30 days but not within 20 days after each election; provided, however, that no compensation shall be paid to any member of any such district board who may have been removed from office or application for the removal of whom is pending under the provisions of R.S.19:6-4.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 29, 2001.

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NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: January 29, 2001

Governor Whitman today signed the following legislation:

A-3038, sponsored by Assembly Members Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union), permits religious or charitable organizations to lease property to other tax-exempt entities without losing their property tax exemption.

A-1849, sponsored by Assembly Members Merkt (R-Morris) and Augustine (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), Bucco (R-Morris) and Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for members of election boards from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150.

S-254, sponsored by Senators Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Bucco (R-Morris) and Assembly Member Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester), amends the law concerning the reforestation of land owned or maintained by a State entity. Under current law, whenever a State entity plans to deforest an area at least one acre in size, the entity is required to adopt a plan to reforest the area. This bill reduces the size threshold to one-half acre, requiring the State to develop a reforestation plan whenever an entity plans to deforest an area one-half acre in size.

S-382, sponsored by Senator Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Weingarten (R-Essex/Union) and Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) makes a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of Community Affairs for a grant to the National Association for Children with Autism, Inc. in Livingston.

A-2614, sponsored by Assembly Members Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), modifies the eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance and temporary disability insurance benefits.

A-895, sponsored by Assembly Members Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Biondi (R-Morris/Somerset) and Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Bark (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), establishes a special license to promote agriculture.

S-462, sponsored by Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Kosco (R-Bergen) and Assembly Members Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), creates a drunk driver visitation program.

A-2006, sponsored by Assembly Member O'Toole (R-Essex/Union) requires a sentence imposed on inmates for assault on corrections and law enforcement employees to run consecutively to other sentences.

SCS for S-141 and S-1054, sponsored by Senators Bark (R-Atlantic/Burlington/ Camden), Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth.Ocean), Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Assembly Members Bodine (R-Atlantic/Burlington/ Camden) and Chatzidakis (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), increases the number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends the credits to graduate study.