

19:45-6

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 19:45-6 (Election boards--district workers--
increase compensation)

LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 111

Bill No. S438

Sponsor(s) Lipman

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Senate State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Amended during passage Yes . . . ~~No~~ Amendments during passage
denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly July 28, 1980

Senate April 28, 1980

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes . . . ~~No~~ (Below) Also attached:
Senate amendment, adopted
Committee Statement: Assembly ~~Yes~~ No 4-17-80 (with statement)

Senate Yes ~~No~~

Fiscal Note ~~Yes~~ No

Veto Message ~~Yes~~ No

Message on signing ~~Yes~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

Sponsor's statement:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the compensation of district
election board workers from \$40.00 to \$50.00.

Note: Fiscal note (mentioned in Senate Committee statement) was not issued.

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SENATE, No. 438

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

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8 the delivery of the returns, registry binders, ballot boxes and
9 keys for the voting machines to the proper election officials,
10 **[\$40.00]** \$50.00 each time the primary election, the general election
11 or any special election is held under this Title; provided, however,
12 that in counties wherein voting machines are used no compensation
13 shall be paid for any services rendered at any special election held
14 at the same time as any primary or general election and, provided,
15 further, that in the other counties the compensation for services
16 rendered at any special election held at the same time as any
17 primary or general election shall be \$5.00;

18 In counties where the county board of elections does not mail
19 out the sample ballots to each registered voter in the county, \$7.50
20 shall be paid each time members of the district board shall address
21 and mail such sample ballots.

22 Such compensation shall be in lieu of all other fees and payments.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 438

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 1980

The purpose of this bill is to increase the compensation of district board of election workers from the present rate of \$40.00 for each election day to \$50.00. The last increase in compensation (from \$30.00 to \$40.00) was enacted in 1972.

The election officials in five counties polled by committee staff (Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Bergen and Passaic) are in support of the proposed increase. The President of the Association of Election Officials, Joseph Brady, who is also Superintendent of Elections for Hudson County, has said that the organization is giving unanimous support to the bill.

It is pointed out that, given the hours worked by the district board workers on election days, the rate of pay is below that of the minimum wage of \$3.10 per hour.

The election officials feel that the increase would assist them in filling vacancies on district boards and motivate the workers to attend classes.

Based on the minimum number of four workers per district, as required by law, the total Statewide cost increase would be approximately \$320,000.00. This figure, based on preliminary calculations, does not take into account the additional Spanish-speaking board workers required in election districts in which the primary language of 10% or more of the registered voters is Spanish.

A fiscal note has been requested.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE, No. 438

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED APRIL 17, 1980

Amend page 2, section 2, line 1, delete "immediately", insert "January 1, 1981".

STATEMENT

This amendment delays the effective date of the increase until January 1, 1981.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

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S-438, sponsored by Senator Wynona M. Lipman (D-Essex), which will increase the compensation of district election board members for working on election day from \$40 to \$50. Their last increase in pay from \$30 to \$40 occurred in 1972. The bill will take effect on January 1, 1981.

S-884, sponsored by Senator Brian T. Kennedy (R-Monmouth), which clarifies the crime of "burglary" in the penal code by expanding the definition of "structure" to include certain unoccupied places, by narrowing the affirmative defense to prosecution for burglary, and by eliminating burglary as a crime of the fourth degree.

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