

18A:14-8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Election workers at school board elections--fee not to exceed \$4.00 an hour)

NJSA 18A:14-8

LAWS OF 1977

CHAPTER 325

Bill No. A1767

Sponsor(s) Newman, Doyle

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1767

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 12, 1976

By Assemblymen NEWMAN and DOYLE

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning school district election officers and amending
N. J. S. 18A:14-8.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 18A:14-8 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:14-8. Each election officer may be paid by the board for his
3 services in conducting each election not to exceed **[\$2.00]** \$4.00 per
4 hour for each hour actually worked, **[but in no event less than**
5 **\$10.00,]** as may be fixed by the board of education.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The efficient conduct of a school election is of prime importance to a board of education. In order to maintain a high degree of efficient operation, the boards must be permitted to attract competent individuals with compensation rates more in keeping with the current financial structure and comparable to those rates paid to municipal election officials.

New Jersey Statutes 18A:14-8 provides for the compensation of school election officials at a rate not to exceed \$2.00 per hour, but in no event less than \$10.00. The rate of compensation for municipal election officials is \$40.00 per day according to N. J. S. 19:45-6.

The present rates for school election officials were established in July, 1968.

A rate not to exceed \$4.00 per hour without a daily requirement will provide the local board of education with the flexibility to establish comparative rates and also utilize the services of additional personnel.

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

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

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1767

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 1976

BILLS' PROVISIONS

Assembly Bill No. 1767 would amend N. J. S. 18A :14-8 to allow boards of education to pay election workers, at the board's discretion, up to \$4.00 per hour. There would be no required minimum compensation.

PRESENT PRACTICE

Currently, this section allows boards of education to pay election officers up to \$2.00 per hour, but not less than a total of \$10.00 for any time spent working at a school election. During such elections, the polls are required to be open between the hours of 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. and may be open any additional time between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This bill was introduced at the request of the New Jersey School Boards Association. According to the association there are a number of districts throughout the State that are having difficulty in attracting competent and knowledgeable people to work as election officials. The boards feel that they will be able to attract such individuals only when they are able to increase the hourly pay rate to compensate, in some measure, for the decrease in the value of the dollar and to bring the rate in line with that paid officials in other elections.

The present rates for the compensation of school election officials were established approximately 9 years ago.

For primary, special and annual elections, the polls are open for 13 hours and election officials are paid \$40.00 per day.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal note on Assembly Bill No. 2144 of 1974, an identical bill, reads as follows:

“Actual expenditures involved would be dependent on the number of registered voters and persons voting. However, based on the 1973-74 election personnel costs per registered voter, the Department of Education estimates that enactment of this legislation would require additional expenditures by local governments in the amount of \$200,000.00 per year.”