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ASSEMBLY, No. 1978

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 6, 1996

By Assemblymen AUGUSTINE and BAGGER

1 AN ACT concerning the compensation of certain election officers and
2 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, by
18 ordinance or resolution as appropriate, provide that such amount shall
19 be \$100 for the members of each district board within the county
20 performing those services at such an election; provided, however, that:

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

31 b. In the case of any member of the board who is required under

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ASG committee amendments adopted November 7, 1996.

1 R.S.19:50-1 to attend in a given year a training program for district
2 board members, but who fails to attend such a training program in that
3 year, that compensation shall be \$50.00 for each of those elections;

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

8 d. Compensation for district board members serving at a school
9 election shall be paid by the board of education of the school district
10 conducting the election at an hourly rate of \$5.77, except that the
11 board of education may compensate such district board members at an
12 hourly rate of \$7.69 if the school district is within a county that
13 provides that the compensation for its district board members at a
14 primary, general or special election is \$100. ¹ 【Such compensation
15 shall be exclusive of any adjustments to that compensation which may
16 be made pursuant to subsection a., b. or c. of this section.】 The
17 provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section shall also apply
18 to district board members serving at a school election, except that in
19 the case of subsection b., the compensation shall be at an hourly rate
20 of \$3.85.¹

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

26 (cf: P.L.1995, c.278, s.21)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 Under the provisions of P.L.1995, c.193, approved on August 2,
27 1995, the governing body of any county is permitted, by ordinance or
28 resolution, to increase the basic compensation received by members of
29 district boards of elections each time the primary election, the general
30 election or any special election is held from \$75 to \$100.

31 Pursuant to P.L.1995, c.278, approved on December 22, 1995, the
32 compensation for district board members serving at a school election
33 was set at an hourly rate of \$5.77. This amount was derived from the
34 formula that previously dictated school election workers
35 compensation: 1/13 of the daily compensation paid to district board
36 members who served at a primary, general or special election.

37 As a result of these enactments, the compensation of district board
38 members in counties that have increased compensation for serving at
39 a primary, general or special election would be \$100, but for those
40 same members the compensation for serving at a school election would
41 be based on \$75 per day.

42 The bill addresses the discrepancy by permitting the board of
43 education of a school district conducting a school election to increase
44 the rate of pay of poll workers to \$7.69, an hourly rate that is
45 proportional to the rate of district board members within the county
46 if the school district is within a county that provides that the

1 compensation for its district board members at a primary, general or
2 special election is \$100.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1978

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 1978.

Under the provisions of P.L.1995, c.193, approved on August 2, 1995, the governing body of any county is permitted, by ordinance or resolution, to increase the basic compensation received by members of district boards of elections each time the primary election, the general election or any special election is held from \$75 to \$100.

Pursuant to P.L.1995, c.278, approved on December 22, 1995, the compensation for district board members serving at a school election was set at an hourly rate of \$5.77. This amount was derived from the formula that previously dictated school election workers compensation: 1/13 of the daily compensation paid to district board members who served at a primary, general or special election.

As a result of these enactments, the compensation of district board members in counties that have increased compensation for serving at a primary, general or special election would be \$100, but for those same members the compensation for serving at a school election would be based on \$75 per day.

The bill addresses the discrepancy by permitting the board of education of a school district conducting a school election to increase the rate of pay of poll workers to \$7.69, an hourly rate that is proportional to the rate of district board members within the county if the school district is within a county that provides that the compensation for its district board members at a primary, general or special election is \$100.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee amended the bill to clarify that subsections a. (providing for additional compensation for certain duties), b. (providing for a reduction in compensation to \$50 if the member failed to attend a required training program) and c. (providing for no compensation if a special election is held simultaneously) apply to district board members serving at a school election and that in the case of subsection b., the compensation shall be at an hourly rate of \$3.85.