

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.