

# HOUSE BILL 327

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By: **Delegate D. Jones**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Election Judges – Minimum Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a minimum daily compensation for election judges; and  
4 generally relating to compensation for election judges.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Election Law  
7 Section 10–205  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article – Election Law**

13 10–205.

14 (a) (1) A local board may fix the compensation of election judges within the  
15 limits authorized for this purpose by the county’s governing body.

16 (2) A local board shall pay an election judge for each election day and each  
17 early voting day that the election judge actually serves.

18 **(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
19 **COMPENSATION FOR EACH ELECTION DAY AND EACH EARLY VOTING DAY ACTUALLY**  
20 **SERVED MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$200 PER DAY FOR EACH ELECTION JUDGE.**

21 (b) (1) [In Allegany County, the compensation for each day actually served  
22 may not be less than:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) \$100 per day for each chief election judge; and

2 (ii) \$80 per day for every other election judge.

3 (2) (i) In Baltimore City, the compensation for each election day or  
4 early voting day actually served shall be:

5 1. not less than \$200 per day for each chief election judge;  
6 and

7 2. not less than \$150 per day for every other election judge.

8 (ii) 1.] (I) In Baltimore City, except as provided in  
9 [subsubparagraph 2] SUBPARAGRAPH (II) of this [subparagraph] PARAGRAPH, an  
10 election judge shall receive \$20 as compensation for completing the course of instruction  
11 required under § 10-206(g)(1) of this subtitle.

12 [2.] (II) Unless the local board excuses the election judge  
13 from service, an election judge who fails to serve on election day or on an early voting day  
14 may not receive the compensation authorized under this [subparagraph] PARAGRAPH.

15 [(3) (2) In Baltimore County, the compensation for each election day or  
16 early voting day actually served shall be[:

17 (i)] \$225 per day for each chief election judge[; and

18 (ii) \$162.50 per day for every other election judge].

19 [(4) In Calvert County, the compensation for each election day or early  
20 voting day actually served shall be:

21 (i) \$200 per day for each chief election judge; and

22 (ii) \$175 per day for every other election judge.

23 (5) In Harford County, the compensation for each election day or early  
24 voting day actually served shall be:

25 (i) not less than \$160 per day for each chief election judge; and

26 (ii) not less than \$125 per day for every other election judge.

27 [(6) (3) (i) In Prince George's County, the compensation for each  
28 election day or early voting day actually served shall be not less than[:

- 1                   1.]    \$250 per day for two chief election judges[; and
- 2                   2.    \$200 per day for every other election judge].

3                   (ii) 1.    In Prince George’s County, except as provided under  
4    subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, election judges and alternate election judges  
5    shall receive \$50 as compensation for completing the course of instruction required under  
6    § 10–206 of this subtitle.

7                   2.    An election judge or alternate election judge may not  
8    receive the compensation authorized under this subparagraph if the election judge refuses  
9    to serve on an election day or on an early voting day, unless the local board excuses the  
10   election judge.

11                  [(7)] (4)   (i)   In Washington County, [the compensation for each  
12   election day or early voting day actually served shall be:

13                   1.    \$175 per day for each chief election judge, plus] **IN**  
14   **ADDITION TO DAILY COMPENSATION, EACH CHIEF ELECTION JUDGE SHALL RECEIVE**  
15   a mileage allowance as determined by the Washington County Board[; and

- 16                   2.    \$150 per day for every other election judge].

17                  (ii)   In Washington County, a chief election judge or election judge  
18   who successfully completes a course of instruction in poll working shall be eligible for  
19   additional compensation, if approved by the Washington County Board and provided for in  
20   the county budget.

21                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22   October 1, 2023.