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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS--POLL WORKER
COMPENSATION

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, de la Cruz, Morgan, Rogers, Pearson, Algieri, Seveney,
DiPalma, and Goldin

Date Introduced: March 11, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-11-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-11 entitled "Voting
2 Districts and Officials" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-11-13. Appointment and compensation of supervisors.**

4 (a) The local board of each city and town, at least thirty-five (35) days before each election,
5 shall appoint two (2) pairs of supervisors for each polling place, each pair of which shall not be
6 comprised of two (2) persons from the same political party. Supervisors shall, if possible, be
7 appointed from a list of eligible voters presented and employed in the same manner as provided by
8 this chapter for the appointment of wardens and clerks.

9 (b) The local board may, in its discretion, or upon the direction of the state board appoint
10 one or more additional supervisors for any polling place whenever and so long as the appointment
11 is, in the judgment of either board, necessary to facilitate the conduct of an election.

12 (c) The supervisors of elections in all cities and towns shall severally receive compensation
13 for their services at the minimum rate of ~~sixty dollars (\$60)~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per
14 day.

15 (d) The local board may adopt a plan for some or all supervisors to work a half-day at half-
16 pay if the plan is consistent with the provisions of this section and is approved by the state board.

17 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) above, the local board of a city or town
18 may, upon written approval of the board of elections, reduce the number of supervisors at polling

1 places within their jurisdiction.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would increase the minimum daily pay for election supervisors from sixty dollars
- 2 (\$60.00) to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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