



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB0995

Introduced 1/12/2023, by Rep. Daniel Didech

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
10 ILCS 5/13-10

from Ch. 46, par. 13-10

Creates the Educational Credit for Election Judges Act. Provides that each institution of higher education shall adopt a policy regarding its awarding of academic credit for election judges. Provides that the policy shall apply to any individual who has been an election judge while enrolled in the institution of higher education. Provides that each institution of higher education shall submit its policy for awarding academic credit for election judges to the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, if applicable, before June 30, 2024 and before June 30 of every other year thereafter. Amends the Election Code. Provides that if an election judge receives academic credit, the judge may not be compensated under the Election Code.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Educational Credit for Election Judges Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "institution
7 of higher education" means the University of Illinois,
8 Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University,
9 Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University,
10 Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University,
11 Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, a
12 public community college that is included in the definition of
13 "Community Colleges" under Section 1-2 of the Public Community
14 College Act, and any institution that receives funds under
15 Section 35 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

16 Section 10. Policy. Before June 1, 2024, each institution
17 of higher education shall adopt a policy regarding its
18 awarding of academic credit for election judges. The policy
19 shall apply to any individual who has been an election judge
20 while enrolled in the institution of higher education.

21 Section 15. Policy review. Each institution of higher

1 education shall submit its policy for awarding academic credit
2 for election judges to the Board of Higher Education and the
3 Illinois Community College Board, if applicable, before June
4 30, 2024 and before June 30 of every other year thereafter.

5 Section 90. The Election Code is amended by changing
6 Section 13-10 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/13-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-10)

8 Sec. 13-10. The compensation of the judges of all
9 primaries and all elections, except judges supervising vote by
10 mail ballots as provided in Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in
11 counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants shall be fixed by
12 the respective county boards or boards of election
13 commissioners in all counties and municipalities, but in no
14 case shall such compensation be less than \$35 per day. The
15 compensation of judges of all primaries and all elections not
16 under the jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges
17 supervising vote by mail balloting as provided in Section
18 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population of
19 2,000,000 or more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The
20 compensation of judges of all primaries and all elections
21 under the jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges
22 supervising vote by mail balloting as provided in Section
23 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population of
24 2,000,000 or more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The

1 compensation of judges of all primaries and all elections,
2 except judges supervising vote by mail ballots as provided in
3 Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population
4 of at least 600,000 but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants shall
5 be not less than \$45 per day as fixed by the county board of
6 election commissioners of each such county. In addition to
7 their per day compensation and notwithstanding the limitations
8 thereon stated herein, the judges of election, in all counties
9 with a population of less than 600,000, shall be paid \$3 each
10 for each 100 voters or portion thereof, in excess of 200 voters
11 voting for candidates in the election district or precinct
12 wherein the judge is serving, whether a primary or an election
13 is being held. However, no such extra compensation shall be
14 paid to the judges of election in any precinct in which no
15 paper ballots are counted by such judges of election. The 2
16 judges of election in counties having a population of less
17 than 600,000 who deliver the returns to the county clerk shall
18 each be allowed and paid a sum to be determined by the election
19 authority for such services and an additional sum per mile to
20 be determined by the election authority for every mile
21 necessarily travelled in going to and returning from the
22 office or place to which they deliver the returns. The
23 compensation for mileage shall be consistent with current
24 rates paid for mileage to employees of the county.

25 However, all judges who have been certified by the County
26 Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners as having

1 satisfactorily completed, within the 2 years preceding the day
2 of election, the training course for judges of election, as
3 provided in Sections 13-2.1, 13-2.2 and 14-4.1 of this Act,
4 shall receive additional compensation of not less than \$10 per
5 day in counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants, the
6 additional compensation of not less than \$10 per day in
7 counties having a population of at least 600,000 but less than
8 2,000,000 inhabitants as fixed by the county board of election
9 commissioners of each such county, and additional compensation
10 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
11 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections not under the
12 jurisdiction of the county clerk, and additional compensation
13 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
14 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections under the
15 jurisdiction of the county clerk.

16 In precincts in which there are tally judges, the
17 compensation of the tally judges shall be 2/3 of that of the
18 judges of election and each holdover judge shall be paid the
19 compensation of a judge of election plus that of a tally judge.

20 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
21 1998, the portion of an election judge's daily compensation
22 reimbursed by the State Board of Elections is increased by
23 \$15. The increase provided by this amendatory Act of 1998 must
24 be used to increase each judge's compensation and may not be
25 used by the county to reduce its portion of a judge's
26 compensation.

1 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
2 the 95th General Assembly, the portion of an election judge's
3 daily compensation reimbursement by the State Board of
4 Elections is increased by an additional \$20. The increase
5 provided by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly
6 must be used to increase each judge's compensation and may not
7 be used by the election authority or election jurisdiction to
8 reduce its portion of a judge's compensation.

9 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the
10 contrary, an election judge receiving academic credit pursuant
11 to the Educational Credit for Election Judges Act may not
12 receive any compensation under this Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)