

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, or 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 or a non-credit alternative for
19 election judges. The policy shall apply to any individual who
20 has been an election judge while enrolled in the institution
21 of higher education.

1 Section 15. Policy review. Each institution of higher
2 education shall submit its policy for awarding academic credit
3 or a non-credit alternative for election judges to the Board
4 of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board,
5 as appropriate, before June 30, 2024 and within 60 days after
6 any changes to the policy thereafter.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/13-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-10)

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

1 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population of
2 2,000,000 or more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The
3 compensation of judges of all primaries and all elections,
4 except judges supervising vote by mail ballots as provided in
5 Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population
6 of at least 600,000 but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants shall
7 be not less than \$45 per day as fixed by the county board of
8 election commissioners of each such county. In addition to
9 their per day compensation and notwithstanding the limitations
10 thereon stated herein, the judges of election, in all counties
11 with a population of less than 600,000, shall be paid \$3 each
12 for each 100 voters or portion thereof, in excess of 200 voters
13 voting for candidates in the election district or precinct
14 wherein the judge is serving, whether a primary or an election
15 is being held. However, no such extra compensation shall be
16 paid to the judges of election in any precinct in which no
17 paper ballots are counted by such judges of election. The 2
18 judges of election in counties having a population of less
19 than 600,000 who deliver the returns to the county clerk shall
20 each be allowed and paid a sum to be determined by the election
21 authority for such services and an additional sum per mile to
22 be determined by the election authority for every mile
23 necessarily travelled in going to and returning from the
24 office or place to which they deliver the returns. The
25 compensation for mileage shall be consistent with current
26 rates paid for mileage to employees of the county.

1 However, all judges who have been certified by the County
2 Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners as having
3 satisfactorily completed, within the 2 years preceding the day
4 of election, the training course for judges of election, as
5 provided in Sections 13-2.1, 13-2.2 and 14-4.1 of this Act,
6 shall receive additional compensation of not less than \$10 per
7 day in counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants, the
8 additional compensation of not less than \$10 per day in
9 counties having a population of at least 600,000 but less than
10 2,000,000 inhabitants as fixed by the county board of election
11 commissioners of each such county, and additional compensation
12 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
13 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections not under the
14 jurisdiction of the county clerk, and additional compensation
15 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
16 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections under the
17 jurisdiction of the county clerk.

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

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

1 used by the county to reduce its portion of a judge's
2 compensation.

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

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

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