Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 539 of the Regular Session

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1571

By: Representative Boyd
By: Senator M. Pitsch

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS; TO PERMIT ELECTION OFFICIALS TO WORK AS VOLUNTEERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS; AND TO PERMIT ELECTION OFFICIALS TO WORK AS VOLUNTEERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-112 is amended to read as follows:

7-4-112. Compensation of election officials.

(a) The election officials official shall receive a minimum of the prevailing federal minimum wage for holding an election, or such greater amount as may be appropriated.

(b) In addition, election officials official shall be allowed mileage at such rate as may be appropriated but not to exceed the rate prescribed for state employees in state travel regulations.

(c)(1) An election official may work as a volunteer without pay or reimbursement as specified by the election official under this section if the election official signs an affidavit prescribed by the State Board of Election Commissioners stating that he or she does not wish to receive:
(A) Compensation for his or her work as an election official; or

(B) Reimbursement for mileage accrued in the course of his or her work as an election official.

(2) An election official may choose not to receive compensation or reimbursement, or both.

(3)(A) An election official who signs the affidavit indicating that he or she does not wish to be compensated or reimbursed shall not be compensated with money or anything of value for his or her work as an election official.

(B) Any paperwork or document required by the student election official’s school to verify his or her assistance is not compensation or reimbursement under this section.

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