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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1571

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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 Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, an
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,~~ Except as provided in subsection (c) and in addition
to compensation under subsection (a) of this section, each election official
carrying election materials to and from the polling sites 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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