

HOUSE BILL 662

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By: **Delegates D. Jones and Chang**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Election Judges – Compensation for Public School Students**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a public school student in the State both to earn hours
4 toward the service–learning graduation requirement and to receive election judge
5 compensation for service as an election judge; and generally relating to compensation
6 for public school students serving as election judges.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 10–205(b)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Election Law

14 Section 10–205(d)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 10–205.

21 (b) (1) (i) The county governing body shall provide sufficient funding to
22 meet the minimum compensation levels required under this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) Within the limits authorized by the county governing body, a local board may fix the compensation of election judges above the minimum compensation levels required under this section.

(i) subject to paragraph (4)(ii) of this subsection, each course of instruction required under § 10–206(g)(1) of this subtitle that the election judge completes; and

(ii) each election day and each early voting day that the election judge actually serves.

(ii) For each returning election judge, the compensation for each election day and each early voting day actually served shall be at least \$100 more per day than the compensation provided to an election judge who is not a returning election judge.

(4) (i) The compensation for each completed course of instruction required under § 10-206(g)(1) of this subtitle shall be at least \$50.

(ii) A local board shall pay an election judge the compensation required under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day.

21 (d) For service as an election judge, a public school student in the State may
22 **BOTH:**

(1) earn hours toward the service-learning requirement for graduation under COMAR 13A.03.02.05; [or] AND

25 (2) receive the election judge compensation under this section.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2026.