



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1433

Introduced 1/28/2025, 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 may adopt a policy regarding its awarding of academic credit or a non-credit alternative for election judges. Provides that the policy may apply to any individual who has been an election judge while enrolled in the institution of higher education. Amends the Election Code. Provides that if an election judge receives academic credit, the judge may not receive any other compensation under the Election Code.

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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, any
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. Each institution of higher education
17 may adopt a policy regarding its awarding of academic credit
18 or a non-credit alternative for election judges. The policy
19 may apply to any individual who has been an election judge
20 while enrolled in the institution of higher education.

21 Section 90. The Election Code is amended by changing

1 Section 13-10 as follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/13-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-10)

3 Sec. 13-10. The compensation of the judges of all
4 primaries and all elections, except judges supervising vote by
5 mail ballots as provided in Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in
6 counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants shall be fixed by
7 the respective county boards or boards of election
8 commissioners in all counties and municipalities, but in no
9 case shall such compensation be less than \$35 per day. The
10 compensation of judges of all primaries and all elections not
11 under the jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges
12 supervising vote by mail balloting as provided in Section
13 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population of
14 2,000,000 or more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The
15 compensation of judges of all primaries and all elections
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 except judges supervising vote by mail ballots as provided in
22 Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population
23 of at least 600,000 but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants shall
24 be not less than \$45 per day as fixed by the county board of
25 election commissioners of each such county. In addition to

1 their per day compensation and notwithstanding the limitations
2 thereon stated herein, the judges of election, in all counties
3 with a population of less than 600,000, shall be paid \$3 each
4 for each 100 voters or portion thereof, in excess of 200 voters
5 voting for candidates in the election district or precinct
6 wherein the judge is serving, whether a primary or an election
7 is being held. However, no such extra compensation shall be
8 paid to the judges of election in any precinct in which no
9 paper ballots are counted by such judges of election. The 2
10 judges of election in counties having a population of less
11 than 600,000 who deliver the returns to the county clerk shall
12 each be allowed and paid a sum to be determined by the election
13 authority for such services and an additional sum per mile to
14 be determined by the election authority for every mile
15 necessarily travelled in going to and returning from the
16 office or place to which they deliver the returns. The
17 compensation for mileage shall be consistent with current
18 rates paid for mileage to employees of the county.

19 However, all judges who have been certified by the County
20 Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners as having
21 satisfactorily completed, within the 2 years preceding the day
22 of election, the training course for judges of election, as
23 provided in Sections 13-2.1, 13-2.2 and 14-4.1 of this Act,
24 shall receive additional compensation of not less than \$10 per
25 day in counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants, the
26 additional compensation of not less than \$10 per day in

1 counties having a population of at least 600,000 but less than
2 2,000,000 inhabitants as fixed by the county board of election
3 commissioners of each such county, and additional compensation
4 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
5 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections not under the
6 jurisdiction of the county clerk, and additional compensation
7 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
8 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections under the
9 jurisdiction of the county clerk.

10 In precincts in which there are tally judges, the
11 compensation of the tally judges shall be 2/3 of that of the
12 judges of election and each holdover judge shall be paid the
13 compensation of a judge of election plus that of a tally judge.

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

21 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
22 the 95th General Assembly, the portion of an election judge's
23 daily compensation reimbursement by the State Board of
24 Elections is increased by an additional \$20. The increase
25 provided by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly
26 must be used to increase each judge's compensation and may not

1 be used by the election authority or election jurisdiction to
2 reduce its portion of a judge's compensation.

3 Beginning on the effective date of the changes made to
4 this Section by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General
5 Assembly, the portion of an election judge's daily
6 compensation reimbursement by the State Board of Elections is
7 increased by an additional \$20. The increase provided by this
8 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly must be used to
9 increase each judge's compensation and may not be used by the
10 election authority or election jurisdiction to reduce its
11 portion of a judge's compensation.

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

16 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 7-1-23.)