

HOUSE BILL 1088: Allow Election Day Service - Retired LEOs.

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SUMMARY: House Bill 1088 authorizes retired law enforcement officers to work for a county board of elections in election day service, with no effect on their special separation allowance benefit.

The proposed committee substitute makes technical changes only.

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, retired local law enforcement officers who qualify are entitled to a special separation allowance benefit under G.S. 143-166.42, in addition to their participation in the retirement system.

The separation allowance will cease on the first day the retired officer is reemployed by a local government, unless that retired officer is re-employed in a public safety position not requiring participation in the Local Government Employees' Retirement System.

Each county board of elections is tasked with appointing all chief judges, judges, assistants, and other officers of elections and paying those individuals for their service. G.S. 163-33. G.S. 163-46 sets forth the amounts that are to be paid by the counties for the services of the chief judges, judges, assistants and ballot counters. For administering the election, chief judges, judges, and assistants are paid the State minimum wage for their services. For appearances on canvass day, chief judges receive \$20, and judges \$15. Each are paid \$15 for attending instructional meetings required under the law. The State minimum wage is \$6.15 per hour, as set by G.S. 95-25.3.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS provides that a retired a law enforcement office can be employed by a county board of elections in connection with any election day service, with no impact on their special separation allowance benefit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

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