

**DIRECTIVE 2009-08**

May 26, 2009

To: ALL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Re: Pollworker Compensation

In order for boards of elections to properly budget for poll worker compensation, boards need to be aware of an adjustment to the federal minimum wage that will occur next month. Effective July 24, 2009 the federal minimum wage will increase from \$6.55 per hour to \$7.25 per hour. Therefore, all boards of elections will be required to pay a poll worker who works a full election day of 14 hours not less than \$101.50 in accordance with R. C. 3501.28(C).

R.C. 3501.28 (D) requires the secretary of state to establish, by rule, the maximum amount of per diem compensation that may be paid to election judges due to an increase in the federal minimum wage. Effective July 24, 2009 and pursuant to Administrative Rule 111-13-01, the maximum a board of elections may pay a poll worker per diem is \$133.72.

Therefore, in accordance with R.C. 3501.28 (C) and (D), and OAC 111-13-01 all boards of elections are hereby directed, until such time of notice of another increase in the federal minimum wage, to pay its poll workers at least the new federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour which is \$101.50 for a 14 hour election day, but not more than the maximum amount of \$133.72 per election day, effective July 24, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Wolfe, Elections Administrator, or Jacqueline Rothschuh, Elections Assistant Administrator, at 614-466-2585 or via email.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner