



# 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.*

### CURRENT LAW:

Retired local law enforcement officers who qualify are entitled to a special separation allowance benefit under G.S. 143-166.42. Currently, the separation allowance ceases 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.

G.S. 163-33 provides that the powers and duties of a county board of elections includes the appointment all chief judges, judges, assistants, and other officers of elections. 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:

House Bill 1088 would allow a retired a law enforcement officer to be employed by a county board of elections in connection with any election day service, without impacting his or her special separation allowance benefit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** House Bill 1088 would become effective when it becomes law.

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