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## **Franklin County Board of Elections Votes to Increase Poll Worker Pay Ahead of August 8<sup>th</sup> Special Election**

(Columbus) Ahead of the August 8<sup>th</sup> Special Election, members of the Franklin County Board of Elections voted unanimously for a well-deserved pay increase for Franklin County poll workers. The permanent pay increase will be in place for the upcoming August 8, 2023 Special Election.

**“Bi-partisan Poll Workers serve as the backbone of our Election Day operation, and we appreciate the many Democrats, Republicans, and Independent voters that sign up for each election,”** said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Antone White. **“We hope that this pay increase will help attract additional applicants who want to serve the voters of Franklin County, while also earning some extra money.”**

Poll Worker compensation is capped by law at \$133.72 for Election Day work. A Poll Worker can supplement their pay by completing additional activities such as training and pre-Election Day polling location set-up. For the upcoming August 8<sup>th</sup> Special Election, Voting Location Managers can earn up to \$333.72, an increase from \$243.72. Voting Location Deputies can earn up to \$303.72, an increase from \$218.72. Roster, Paper, and Machine Judges can earn up to \$278.72, an increase from \$193.72.

**“This increase is vital to retaining a large and talented pool of Poll Workers in a competitive marketplace,”** said Franklin County Board of Elections Deputy Director David Payne. **“Without them, we would not be able to maintain our vital function of administering fair, impartial, and accurate elections in Franklin County.”**

A full countywide election uses upwards of 5,000 Poll Workers on Election Day. All registered voters in Franklin County over the age of 17 who have not been convicted of a felony are eligible to become poll workers. Interested individuals meeting these qualifications may apply by visiting <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or by calling 614-525-5393.

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