

- SUBJECT:** Allowing higher pay for presiding judge of early ballot voting board
- COMMITTEE:** Elections — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Cain, J. González, Bucy, Clardy, Fierro, Jetton, Schofield, Swanson
- 1 nay — Beckley
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 23 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** No public hearing.
- BACKGROUND:** Election Code sec. 87.005 establishes that members of the early voting ballot board are entitled to the same compensation as presiding election judges, except if the board concludes its work in less than 10 hours. In this case, the members may be paid greater compensation than that regularly payable for the amount of time worked, but not to exceed the amount payable for 10 hours' work.
- Some suggest the work required of the presiding judge of an early voting ballot board exceeds that of an early voting ballot board clerk and have called for allowing the presiding judge to be compensated at a higher rate.
- DIGEST:** SB 1418 would allow a presiding judge of an early voting ballot board to be compensated at a higher rate under Election Code sec. 87.005 at the discretion of the appropriate authority.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.