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Justin P. Wilson, State Comptroller

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Audit Finds Payroll Deficiencies, Overpayments and Other Mistakes at Cumberland County Election Office

The Cumberland County Election Office overpaid some of its officials during early voting in elections between May 1, 2006 and November 30, 2008, an investigation by the Comptroller's Division of County Audit has revealed.

The overpayments were one of several deficiencies noted in the audit, which was released today.

Auditors noted several instances in which election officials were paid \$100 per day, when the maximum pay rate for that work was set at \$80 per day.

The audit also revealed that the election office did not supply adequate information to Cumberland County's finance office about other payments to election workers. Specifically, the election office failed to provide details about the locations where some election workers worked, the days and hours they worked and their rates of pay.

And the audit found that more than \$10,000 worth of election-related expenses were misclassified in the finance office's records and meeting minutes were not available for some meetings of the Cumberland County Election Commission.

"I am very proud of the work our auditors have done in bringing these deficiencies to light," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "I trust Cumberland County officials will take the appropriate steps to prevent these types of problems from recurring in the future. The Comptroller's office remains committed to finding fraud, waste and abuse of taxpayer dollars throughout the state of Tennessee."

To view the full report, go to:

<http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/repository/CA/2008/Cumberland%20County%20Election%20Office.pdf>

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