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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, the Board of Registrars of  
9 Elmore County may meet a maximum of 167 days each  
10 fiscal year.

11 This bill would increase the maximum days  
12 that the board may meet to 187 days.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975,  
19 relating to the meeting days of boards of registrars, to allow  
20 the Elmore County Board of Registrars to meet 187 days each  
21 fiscal year.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 "§17-3-8.

26 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the  
27 Counties of Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia,

1 Geneva, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum  
2 of 120 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board  
3 of registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,  
4 Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph,  
5 Talladega, and Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days  
6 each fiscal year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each  
7 board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session  
8 days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the  
9 county commission, and such days shall be paid from the  
10 respective county funds; each member of the board of  
11 registrars in Tallapoosa County may meet a maximum of 220  
12 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of  
13 registrars in the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion,  
14 Marshall, Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of  
15 216 working days each fiscal year; and each member of the  
16 board of registrars in the Counties of DeKalb, ~~Elmore,~~  
17 Limestone, Russell, and Shelby may meet a maximum of 167  
18 working days each fiscal year.

19 "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert,  
20 Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe, each member of the board of  
21 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal  
22 year.

23 "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of  
24 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187  
25 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of  
26 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days  
27 each fiscal year and each member of the Board of Registrars of

1 Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and  
2 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal  
3 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following  
4 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days  
5 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188  
6 working days; Jackson - 207 working days; Etowah - 207 working  
7 days; and Lawrence - 140 working days.

8 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the  
9 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Madison, Mobile,  
10 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not  
11 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out  
12 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now  
13 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be  
14 exempted from the provisions of this section. Provided,  
15 however, that where the words "each year" are used in the  
16 local laws the words mean "each fiscal year."

17 "(e) The actual number of working days to be used as  
18 session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of  
19 registrars according to the needs of the county.

20 "(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may  
21 be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those  
22 sessions held away from the courthouse in the several  
23 precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or  
24 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.). Notice of any  
25 special session scheduled by the board shall be given at least  
26 10 days prior to the special session by (1) bills posted at  
27 three or more public places in each election precinct

1 affected, if the session involves precinct visits, and (2)  
2 advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a  
3 newspaper published in the county or by radio or television  
4 announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or  
5 announcement."

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
7 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
8 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.