

1 SB64
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3 By Senator Barron
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, the Board of Registrars of
9 DeKalb 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 207 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 DeKalb County Board of Registrars to meet 207 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 and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187 working
25 days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of Registrars
26 of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days each fiscal
27 year and each member of the Board of Registrars of Lamar,

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