

1 HB236
2 135643-5
3 By Representative Newton (C)
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
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1 registered write-in vote causes an over-vote, it shall be
2 treated as any other over-vote and none of the votes for the
3 over-voted office shall be counted. However, the remainder of
4 the ballot shall be counted. When counting write-in votes,
5 poll officials must check for over-votes if the electronic
6 ballot counter does not perform the function.

7 "(b) All write-in ballots shall be returned on
8 election night to a central location in the county as
9 determined by the judge of probate. All write-in votes for
10 office shall be counted by the canvassing board or its duly
11 appointed election officials on or before noon, Tuesday, seven
12 days after the election. The write-in ballots shall thereafter
13 be tabulated and canvassed in the same manner as provisional
14 ballots pursuant to Section 17-10-2.

15 "(c) Any If the number of write-in ballots to be
16 counted equals or exceeds 5 percent of the votes cast in the
17 county, any poll worker used to count write-in ballots on a
18 day other than election day shall be entitled to receive the
19 same compensation as provided for a poll worker on election
20 day.

21 Any compensation paid pursuant to this subsection
22 shall be a reimbursable expense as provided in Chapter 16,
23 Title 17, Code of Alabama 1975."

24 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
25 first day of the third month following its passage and
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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