

1 HB579
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3 By Representative Wood
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, if a legal holiday falls
9 on a day a county board of registrars is to be in
10 session, and the courthouse of the county is closed
11 for the holiday, the members of the board are
12 compensated for the holiday.

13 This bill would authorize the county
14 commission to designate the county holidays for
15 which the members of the board of registrars would
16 be compensated.

17 This bill would also require the members of
18 a board of registrars to be compensated for those
19 days when the county commission closes county
20 government due to any event affecting public health
21 or safety.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 17-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 relating to the compensation of the members of county boards
3 of registrars; to authorize the county commission to designate
4 the county holidays for which registrars are to be
5 compensated; and to require registrars to be compensated for
6 those days when the county commission closes county government
7 due to any event affecting public health or safety.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Section 17-3-5 of the Code of Alabama
10 1975, is amended to read as follows:

11 "§17-3-5.

12 "(a) Each registrar shall receive a salary in the
13 amount of sixty dollars (\$60) per day for each day's
14 attendance upon business of the board, to be paid by the state
15 and disbursed to the county commissions and disbursed by the
16 county commissions to each registrar on order of a quorum of
17 the board of registrars of the county. The ~~state~~ Comptroller
18 shall issue to each county commission on a monthly basis an
19 amount sufficient to fund these payments plus the employer
20 share of the Social Security or Federal Insurance Corporation
21 Act tax. The county commission will provide to the ~~state~~
22 Comptroller an invoice itemized to reflect payments made. ~~If a~~
23 ~~legal holiday falls on a day the board is to be in session,~~
24 ~~and the courthouse of the county is closed for the holiday,~~
25 ~~the~~ The members of the board of registrars shall be
26 compensated for the each county holiday designated by the
27 county commission. The members of the board of registrars

1 shall be compensated for any day that the county government is
2 closed by action of the county commission due to any event
3 affecting public health or safety. Each registrar shall
4 receive a mileage allowance equal to the amount allowed state
5 employees or employees of the county, whichever is greater,
6 for official travel in the course of attending the business of
7 the board, including attending continuing education programs.
8 Travel and other expenses shall be paid by the county
9 commissions to the boards of registrars and the state shall
10 reimburse the county commissions based on a written request
11 submitted by the county commissions to the state Comptroller.

12 "(b) The provisions of this section regarding travel
13 mileage shall not apply in any county having a population of
14 600,000 or more inhabitants according to the 1970 or any
15 succeeding federal decennial census, and any currently
16 effective local law or general law of local application
17 regarding travel mileage for registrars in the county shall
18 remain in full force and effect and shall not be repealed by
19 operation of this chapter.

20 "(c) Members of the boards of registrars of this
21 state are hereby declared to be state employees for the
22 purposes of Chapter 28 of Title 36.

23 "(d) Members of the boards of registrars of this
24 state shall be treated as equals with other state and county
25 employees in regard to Social Security protection and
26 benefits.

1 "(e) All payments by a county to any member of a
2 county board of registrars (except for mileage or
3 reimbursement for expenses) shall be treated for Social
4 Security purposes equally with payments by that county to
5 other county employees of the county.

6 "(f) The state office for Social Security and the
7 state Comptroller and each county commission are directed to
8 take all necessary action to insure that members of the boards
9 of registrars of this state are treated as other state and
10 county employees in regard to Social Security protection and
11 benefits as provided in Chapter 28 of Title 36, including, if
12 necessary, amending the federal-state agreement referred to in
13 Chapter 28 of Title 36, to implement the intent of the
14 Legislature as expressed herein.

15 "(g) No county commission may reduce the current
16 county supplement upon the effect of this section by
17 implementation of Act 94-693."

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