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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a board of registrars is
9 prohibited from registering any person as a
10 qualified elector within the 10-day time period
11 before an election.

12 Under existing law, the judge of probate,
13 after registration is closed, compiles a list of
14 registered voters.

15 This bill would extend the prohibition time
16 period from 10 to 17 days.

17 This bill would require the voter
18 registration list to be printed within the 10-day
19 period prior to an election.

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21 A BILL

22 TO BE ENTITLED

23 AN ACT

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25 Relating to voter registration; to amend Sections
26 17-3-50 and 17-4-2, Code of Alabama 1975, by extending the
27 time period during which a board of registrars is prohibited

1 from registering any person as a qualified elector from 10 to
2 17 days before an election, and by requiring the voter
3 registration list to be printed within the 10-day period
4 before an election.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-2 of the Code
7 of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

8 "§17-3-50.

9 "(a) The boards of registrars in the several
10 counties of the state shall not register any person as a
11 qualified elector within ~~10~~ 17 days prior to any election;
12 provided, that the boards shall maintain open offices during
13 business days in such ~~10-day~~ 17-day period and on election day
14 during the hours of voting.

15 "(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply
16 in any county having a population of not less than 600,000
17 inhabitants according to the 1970 or any succeeding federal
18 decennial census, and any currently effective local law or
19 general law of local application providing for a deadline on
20 registration in such county shall remain in full force and
21 effect and shall not be repealed by operation of this section.

22 "§17-4-2.

23 "The board of registrars, when registration is
24 closed before a primary, general, or special election, shall
25 certify to the Secretary of State any additions, deletions,
26 corrections, or changes to the state voter registration list.
27 After registration has closed and within the 10-day period

1 before an election, the judge of probate shall prepare and
2 print a report from the state voter registration list of the
3 correct alphabetical lists of the qualified electors
4 registered by precincts, districts, or subdivisions of a
5 precinct where the precinct has been divided or subdivided, if
6 not within a city or incorporated town, and by wards and other
7 subdivisions, if within a city or incorporated town, and no
8 others. An electronic archive in the database for the state
9 voter registration list shall be recorded simultaneously with
10 the printing of each county's list of qualified voters. Each
11 printed list of qualified voters shall contain a printed
12 certification generated by the state voter registration system
13 establishing that the contents of the list are true and
14 correct as of the specified time and date when it was printed.
15 The judge of probate shall deliver or cause to be delivered to
16 the inspectors in each precinct, each district, each ward, or
17 each other subdivision one copy of the list of qualified
18 electors printed for such box or voting place immediately
19 preceding every general, primary, or special election, and the
20 delivered list shall contain only the names of persons
21 qualified to vote at such box or voting place; except, that
22 for purposes of information only, there may be delivered to
23 the inspectors lists prepared for other boxes or voting
24 places. The list published in the newspaper before each
25 primary election shall not be used as the poll list.

26 "Notwithstanding the foregoing, electronic access to
27 the state voter registration list may be utilized in lieu of a

1 printed list in accordance with administrative rules
2 promulgated and implemented by the Secretary of State. The
3 Secretary of State shall send any proposed new rule or
4 amendment to an existing rule by certified mail to each county
5 canvassing board at least 30 days prior to certification of
6 the proposed rule or amendment pursuant to the Administrative
7 Procedure Act.

8 "Both the board of registrars and the judge of
9 probate shall keep a current copy of the qualified elector
10 list for the county open and subject to public inspection."

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