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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may not
9 register to vote during the 14-day period prior to
10 any election.

11 This bill would allow a person to register
12 to vote on any day a board of registrars maintains
13 office hours including the day of any election.

14 This bill would authorize the Secretary of
15 State to adopt rules to implement this change.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to voting; to amend Section 17-3-50, Code
22 of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2014-428, 2014 Regular
23 Session, to allow a person to register to vote up to and on
24 the day of any election; and to authorize the Secretary of
25 State to adopt rules to implement this amended section.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 17-3-50 of the Code of Alabama
2 1975, as amended by Act 2014-428, 2014 Regular Session, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "§17-3-50.

5 "A board ~~The boards~~ of registrars ~~in the several~~
6 ~~counties of the state shall not register any person as a~~
7 ~~qualified elector within 14 days prior to any election;~~
8 ~~provided, that the boards~~ shall register any person possessing
9 the qualifications of an elector on any day the board
10 maintains office hours. A board of registrars shall maintain
11 open offices during business days ~~in such~~ during the 14-day
12 period immediately before any election and on election day
13 during the hours of voting. The Secretary of State may
14 promulgate rules to implement this section."

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