

1 SB298
2 199343-1
3 By Senators Whatley and Price
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
5 First Read: 16-APR-19

2
3
4
5
6
7
8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the board of registrars
9 in Lee County may only meet a maximum of 168
10 working hours each fiscal year, and an additional
11 30 days at the discretion of the county commission.

12 This bill would allow the board of
13 registrars in Lee County to meet five days each
14 week of the year.

15
16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

19
20 Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section
21 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the maximum number
22 of days the board of registrars in Lee County may meet each
23 year.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§17-3-8.

1 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the
2 Counties of Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia,
3 Geneva, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum
4 of 120 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board
5 of registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,
6 Fayette, Greene, ~~Lee~~, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and
7 Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal
8 year, except in ~~the Counties of Lee and Pike~~ Pike County each board
9 of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days
10 each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county
11 commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective
12 county funds; each member of the board of registrars in
13 Tallapoosa County and each member of the board of registrars
14 in Talladega County may meet a maximum of 220 working days
15 each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the board of
16 registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each
17 fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county
18 commission; each member of the board of registrars in the
19 Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,
20 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216
21 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
22 registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a
23 maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member
24 of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a
25 maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

26 "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert,
27 Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe each member of the board of

1 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal
2 year.

3 "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of
4 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187
5 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of
6 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days
7 each fiscal year and each member of the Board of Registrars of
8 Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and
9 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal
10 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following
11 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days
12 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188
13 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working
14 days; Etowah - 207 working days; and Lawrence - 140 working
15 days.

16 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the
17 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Lee, Madison, Mobile,
18 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not
19 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out
20 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now
21 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be
22 exempted from the provisions of this section. Provided,
23 however, that where the words "each year" are used in the
24 local laws the words mean "each fiscal year."

25 "(e) The actual number of working days to be used as
26 session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of
27 registrars according to the needs of the county.

1 "(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may
2 be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those
3 sessions held away from the courthouse in the several
4 precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or
5 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.). Notice of any
6 special session scheduled by the board shall be given at least
7 10 days prior to the special session by (1) bills posted at
8 three or more public places in each election precinct
9 affected, if the session involves precinct visits, and (2)
10 advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a
11 newspaper published in the county or by radio or television
12 announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or
13 announcement."

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