

1 HB166
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3 By Representatives Marques, Allen and Jones (M)
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as
9 amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, relating to
10 meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number
11 of working days that the Coffee County Board of Registrars may
12 meet each fiscal year.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as
15 amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 "§17-3-8.

18 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the
19 Counties of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva,
20 Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120
21 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
22 registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,
23 Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and
24 Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal
25 year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each board of
26 registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each
27 fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county

1 commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective
2 county funds; each member of the board of registrars in the
3 Counties of Coffee, Talladega, and Tallapoosa County and each
4 ~~member of the board of registrars in Talladega County~~ may meet
5 a maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year, except that in
6 Talladega County the board of registrars may meet up to an
7 additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion
8 of the chair of the county commission; each member of the
9 board of registrars in the Counties of Dale, Franklin,
10 Houston, Marion, Marshall, Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may
11 meet a maximum of 216 working days each fiscal year; each
12 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Limestone
13 and Shelby may meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal
14 year; and each member of the board of registrars in Russell
15 County may meet a maximum of 177 working days each fiscal
16 year.

17 "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, ~~Coffee~~, Colbert,
18 Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe, each member of the board of
19 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal
20 year.

21 "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of
22 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187
23 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of
24 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days
25 each fiscal year, and each member of the Board of Registrars
26 of Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and
27 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal

1 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following
2 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days
3 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188
4 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working
5 days; Etowah - 207 working days; Chambers - 180 working days;
6 and Lawrence - 140 working days.

7 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the
8 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Madison, Mobile,
9 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not
10 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out
11 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now
12 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be
13 exempted from the provisions of this section. Provided,
14 however, that where the words "each year" are used in the
15 local laws the words mean "each fiscal year."

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

19 "(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may
20 be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those
21 sessions held away from the courthouse in the several
22 precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or
23 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.). Notice of any
24 special session scheduled by the board shall be given at least
25 10 days prior to the special session by: (1) Bills posted at
26 three or more public places in each election precinct
27 affected, if the session involves precinct visits; and (2)

1 advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a
2 newspaper published in the county or by radio or television
3 announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or
4 announcement."

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

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