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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Coffee County Board  
9 of Registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working  
10 days each fiscal year.

11 This bill would increase the number of  
12 working days that the board may meet to a maximum  
13 of 220 working days each fiscal year.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
20 amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, relating to  
21 meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number  
22 of working days that the Coffee County Board of Registrars may  
23 meet each fiscal year.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

1           "§17-3-8.

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

1           "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert,  
2 Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe, each member of the board of  
3 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal  
4 year.

5           "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of  
6 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187  
7 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of  
8 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days  
9 each fiscal year, and each member of the Board of Registrars  
10 of Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and  
11 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal  
12 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following  
13 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days  
14 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188  
15 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working  
16 days; Etowah - 207 working days; Chambers - 180 working days;  
17 and Lawrence - 140 working days.

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

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

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

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