

1 SB309
2 205997-1
3 By Senator Sanders-Fortier
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Wilcox County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 120 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the maximum number of working days the board may meet each fiscal year.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2019-439 of the 2019 Regular Session, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the maximum number of working days the Wilcox County Board of Registrars may meet each fiscal year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2019-439 of the 2019 Regular Session, is amended to 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, and Sumter, ~~and Wilcox~~ may meet a maximum of
5 120 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
14 Tallapoosa County and each member of the board of registrars
15 in Talladega County may meet a maximum of 220 working days
16 each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the board of
17 registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each
18 fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county
19 commission; each member of the board of registrars in the
20 Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,
21 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216
22 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
23 registrars in the Counties of Limestone ~~and~~, Shelby, and
24 Wilcox 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
18 October 1, 2020 following its passage and approval by the
19 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.