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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Lawrence County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 140 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the maximum number of working days the Lawrence County Board of Registrars may meet each fiscal year.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2022-112 of the 2022 Regular Session, to increase the maximum number of working days the Lawrence 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 2022-112 of the 2022 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-3-8

(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva,



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29 Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120
30 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
31 registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,
32 Fayette, Greene, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and Winston
33 may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year,
34 except in Pike County each board of registrars may meet up to
35 an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the
36 discretion of the chair of the county commission, and such
37 days shall be paid from the respective county funds; each
38 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Coffee,
39 Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a maximum of 220 working
40 days each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the
41 board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session
42 days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the
43 county commission; each member of the board of registrars in
44 the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,
45 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216
46 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
47 registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a
48 maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member
49 of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a
50 maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

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52 (b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Colbert, Cullman,
53 Lauderdale, and Monroe, each member of the board of registrars
54 may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal year.

55 (c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of Autauga,
56 Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187 working



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57 days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of Registrars
58 of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days each fiscal
59 year, and each member of the Board of Registrars of Lamar,
60 Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and Washington
61 Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal year. Each
62 member of the board of registrars in the following counties
63 may meet the following maximum number of working days each
64 fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188 working
65 days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working days;
66 Chambers - 180 working days; and Lawrence - ~~140~~200 working
67 days.

68 (d) Each member of the board of registrars in the
69 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Etowah, Lee, Madison,
70 Mobile, Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to
71 meet not more than five days each week for the purpose of
72 carrying out their official duties. Jefferson County, which is
73 now operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be
74 exempted from this section. Provided, however, that where the
75 term each year is used in the local laws the term means each
76 fiscal year.

77 (e) The actual number of working days to be used as
78 session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of
79 registrars according to the needs of the county.

80 (f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may be
81 used for special registration sessions (i.e., those sessions
82 held away from the courthouse in the several precincts of the
83 county or sessions held on Saturday or between the hours of
84 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.). Notice of any special session



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85 scheduled by the board shall be given at least 10 days prior
86 to the special session by: (1) Bills posted at three or more
87 public places in each election precinct affected, if the
88 session involves precinct visits; and (2) advertisement once a
89 week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the
90 county or by radio or television announcements on a local
91 station, or both by newspaper or announcement."

92 Section 2. Notwithstanding Section 17-3-5, Code of
93 Alabama 1975, any working days added for board of registrars
94 by the amendatory language of this act shall be paid by the
95 county commission and shall not be reimbursed by the state.

96 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
97 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
98 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.