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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the state pays each board of registrar a salary of eighty dollars (\$80) per day for each day of service.

This bill would increase the salary of each board of registrar.

Also under existing law, a county commission may allow a member of the county board of registrars who has served for at least 16 years to participate in any health insurance program provided by the county.

This bill would provide that a county may allow any member of the county board of registrars to participate in any health insurance program provided by the county.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section 17-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the salary of each



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29 board of registrar; to provide that a county may allow any
30 member of the county board of registrars to participate in any
31 health insurance program provided by the county; and to make
32 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing
33 code language to current style.

34 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

35 Section 1. Section 17-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975, is
36 amended to read as follows:

37 "§17-3-5

38 (a) Each registrar shall receive a salary in the amount
39 of ~~eighty~~one hundred dollars ~~(\$80)~~(\$100) per day for each
40 day's attendance upon business of the board, to be paid by the
41 state and disbursed to the county commissions and disbursed by
42 the county commissions to each registrar on order of a quorum
43 of the board of registrars of the county. The state
44 Comptroller shall issue to each county commission on a monthly
45 basis an amount sufficient to fund these payments plus the
46 employer share of the Social Security or Federal Insurance
47 Corporation Act tax. The county commission will provide to the
48 state Comptroller an invoice itemized to reflect payments
49 made. If a legal holiday falls on a day the board is to be in
50 session, and the courthouse of the county is closed for the
51 holiday, the board of registrars shall be compensated for the
52 holiday. Each registrar shall receive a mileage allowance
53 equal to the amount allowed state employees or employees of
54 the county, whichever is greater, for official travel in the
55 course of attending the business of the board, including
56 attending continuing education programs. Travel and other



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57 expenses shall be paid by the county commissions to the boards
58 of registrars, and the state shall reimburse the county
59 commissions based on a written request submitted by the county
60 commissions to the state Comptroller.

61 (b) The provisions of this section regarding travel
62 mileage shall not apply in any county having a population of
63 600,000 or more inhabitants according to the 1970 or any
64 succeeding federal decennial census, and any currently
65 effective local law or general law of local application
66 regarding travel mileage for registrars in the county shall
67 remain in full force and effect and shall not be repealed by
68 operation of this chapter.

69 (c) Members of the boards of registrars of this state
70 are ~~hereby~~ declared to be state employees for the purposes of
71 Chapter 28 of Title 36.

72 (d) Members of the boards of registrars of this state
73 shall be treated as equals with other state and county
74 employees in regard to Social Security protection and
75 benefits.

76 (e) All payments by a county to any member of a county
77 board of registrars ~~(except for mileage or reimbursement for~~
78 ~~expenses)~~, except for mileage or reimbursement for expenses,
79 shall be treated for Social Security purposes equally with
80 payments by that county to other county employees of the
81 county.

82 (f) The state office for Social Security and the state
83 Comptroller and each county commission ~~are directed to~~ shall
84 take all necessary action to ~~insure~~ ensure that members of the



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85 boards of registrars of this state are treated as other state
86 and county employees in regard to Social Security protection
87 and benefits as provided in Chapter 28 of Title 36, including,
88 if necessary, amending the federal-state agreement referred to
89 in Chapter 28 of Title 36, to implement the intent of the
90 Legislature as expressed herein.

91 (g) No county commission may reduce the current county
92 supplement upon the effect of this section by implementation
93 of Act 94-693.

94 (h) A county ~~commission~~ may allow the chair or any
95 member of the county board of registrars ~~who has served at~~
96 ~~least 16 years in that position~~ to participate in any health
97 insurance program provided by the county upon the same terms,
98 conditions, and employee contributions as required for county
99 employees.

100 This subsection shall not apply to any health insurance
101 plans administered by the State of Alabama as described in
102 Title 36, Chapter 29 and Title 11, Chapter 91A."

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