

1 HB438  
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3 By Representative Graham  
4 RFD: Government Appropriations  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each member of the  
9 county boards of registrars receives \$60 per day  
10 for each day's attendance on business of the board.  
11 This bill would increase the compensation of  
12 members.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 To amend Sections 17-3-5 and 17-3-12, Code of  
19 Alabama 1975, relating to the compensation of members of the  
20 county boards of registrars, to increase the compensation of  
21 members.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Sections 17-3-5 and 17-3-12, Code of  
24 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

25 "§17-3-5.

26 "(a) Each registrar shall receive a salary in the  
27 amount of ~~sixty dollars (\$60)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) per

1 day for each day's attendance upon business of the board, to  
2 be paid by the state and disbursed to the county commissions  
3 and disbursed by the county commissions to each registrar on  
4 order of a quorum of the board of registrars of the county.  
5 The state Comptroller shall issue to each county commission on  
6 a monthly basis an amount sufficient to fund these payments  
7 plus the employer share of the Social Security or Federal  
8 Insurance Corporation Act tax. The county commission will  
9 provide to the state Comptroller an invoice itemized to  
10 reflect payments made. If a legal holiday falls on a day the  
11 board is to be in session, and the courthouse of the county is  
12 closed for the holiday, the board of registrars shall be  
13 compensated for the holiday. Each registrar shall receive a  
14 mileage allowance equal to the amount allowed state employees  
15 or employees of the county, whichever is greater, for official  
16 travel in the course of attending the business of the board,  
17 including attending continuing education programs. Travel and  
18 other expenses shall be paid by the county commissions to the  
19 boards of registrars and the state shall reimburse the county  
20 commissions based on a written request submitted by the county  
21 commissions to the state Comptroller.

22 "(b) The provisions of this section regarding travel  
23 mileage shall not apply in any county having a population of  
24 600,000 or more inhabitants according to the 1970 or any  
25 succeeding federal decennial census, and any currently  
26 effective local law or general law of local application  
27 regarding travel mileage for registrars in the county shall

1 remain in full force and effect and shall not be repealed by  
2 operation of this chapter.

3 "(c) Members of the boards of registrars of this  
4 state are hereby declared to be state employees for the  
5 purposes of Chapter 28 of Title 36.

6 "(d) Members of the boards of registrars of this  
7 state shall be treated as equals with other state and county  
8 employees in regard to Social Security protection and  
9 benefits.

10 "(e) All payments by a county to any member of a  
11 county board of registrars (except for mileage or  
12 reimbursement for expenses) shall be treated for Social  
13 Security purposes equally with payments by that county to  
14 other county employees of the county.

15 "(f) The state office for Social Security and the  
16 state Comptroller and each county commission are directed to  
17 take all necessary action to insure that members of the boards  
18 of registrars of this state are treated as other state and  
19 county employees in regard to Social Security protection and  
20 benefits as provided in Chapter 28 of Title 36, including, if  
21 necessary, amending the federal-state agreement referred to in  
22 Chapter 28 of Title 36, to implement the intent of the  
23 Legislature as expressed herein.

24 "(g) No county commission may reduce the current  
25 county supplement upon the effect of this section by  
26 implementation of Act 94-693.

27 "§17-3-12.

1                   "Each member of the board of registrars shall  
2 receive ~~sixty dollars (\$60)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) per  
3 day, for each day's attendance upon the special sessions of  
4 the board required under this article; but if such special  
5 session is held on the same day a regular session is required  
6 to be held under the laws of this state, registrars shall  
7 receive only one per diem allowed for performing their regular  
8 duties, it being the intent and purpose of this article that  
9 registrars shall be entitled to receive only one per diem  
10 allowance for one day's service."

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