

1 SB34  
2 208247-2  
3 By Senator Jones  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Etowah County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 207 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the number of working days that the board may meet to a maximum of five working days each week.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2021-243 of the 2021 Regular Session, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number of working days that the Etowah County Board of Registrars may meet each week.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2021-243 of the 2021 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, 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, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and Winston  
8 may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year,  
9 except in Pike County each board of registrars may meet up to  
10 an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the  
11 discretion of the chair of the county commission, and such  
12 days shall be paid from the respective county funds; each  
13 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Coffee,  
14 Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a maximum of 220 working  
15 days each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the  
16 board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session  
17 days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the  
18 county commission; each member of the board of registrars in  
19 the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,  
20 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216  
21 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of  
22 registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a  
23 maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member  
24 of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a  
25 maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

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

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

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