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4 and Paschal
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Shelby County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the number of working days that the board may meet to a maximum of 220 working days each year.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2021-243, 2001 Regular Session, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number of working days that the Shelby County Board of Registrars may meet each year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2021-243, 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 Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a maximum of 220
15 working days each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County
16 the board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30
17 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair
18 of the county commission; each member of the board of
19 registrars in the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion,
20 Marshall, Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of
21 216 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
22 registrars in ~~the Counties of Limestone and Shelby~~ County may
23 meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each
24 member 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, Lee, Madison, Mobile,
19 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not
20 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out
21 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now
22 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.