

1 SB285
2 215701-2
3 By Senator Gudger
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
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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.

Also under existing law, the Limestone County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the maximum number of working days the Lawrence County and Limestone County Boards 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 2021-243 of the 2021 Regular Session, to increase the maximum number of working days the Lawrence County and Limestone County Boards of Registrars may meet each fiscal year.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as
3 last amended by Act 2021-243 of the 2021 Regular Session, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§17-3-8.

6 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the
7 Counties of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva,
8 Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120
9 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
10 registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,
11 Fayette, Greene, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and Winston
12 may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year,
13 except in Pike County each board of registrars may meet up to
14 an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the
15 discretion of the chair of the county commission, and such
16 days shall be paid from the respective county funds; each
17 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Coffee,
18 Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a maximum of 220 working
19 days each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the
20 board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session
21 days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the
22 county commission; each member of the board of registrars in
23 the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,
24 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216
25 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
26 registrars in ~~the Counties of Limestone and Shelby~~ County may
27 meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each

1 member of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a
2 maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

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

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

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