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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Blount County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the number of working days that the Blount County Board of Registrars may meet to a maximum of 207 working days each year.

A BILL
TO BE ENACTED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2022-112 of the 2022 Regular Session, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number of working days that the Blount 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 2022-112 of the 2022 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-3-8

(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120



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29 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
30 registrars in the Counties of Barbour, ~~Blount~~, Butler,
31 Fayette, Greene, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and Winston
32 may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year,
33 except in Pike County each board of registrars may meet up to
34 an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the
35 discretion of the chair of the county commission, and such
36 days shall be paid from the respective county funds; each
37 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Coffee,
38 Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a maximum of 220 working
39 days each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the
40 board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session
41 days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the
42 county commission; each member of the board of registrars in
43 the Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,
44 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216
45 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
46 registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a
47 maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member
48 of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a
49 maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year. (b) In the
50 Counties of Choctaw, Colbert, Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe,
51 each member of the board of registrars may meet a maximum of
52 199 working days each fiscal year.

53 (c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of Autauga,
54 Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187 working
55 days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of Registrars
56 of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days each fiscal



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57 year, and each member of the Board of Registrars of Lamar,
58 Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and Washington
59 Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal year. Each
60 member of the board of registrars in the following counties
61 may meet the following maximum number of working days each
62 fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188 working
63 days; DeKalb, ~~207 working days;~~ Jackson, and Blount - 207
64 working days; Chambers - 180 working days; and Lawrence - 140
65 working days.

66 (d) Each member of the board of registrars in the
67 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Etowah, Lee, Madison,
68 Mobile, Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to
69 meet not more than five days each week for the purpose of
70 carrying out their official duties. Jefferson County, which is
71 now operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be
72 exempted from this section. Provided, however, that where the
73 term each year is used in the local laws the term means each
74 fiscal year.

75 (e) The actual number of working days to be used as
76 session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of
77 registrars according to the needs of the county.

78 (f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may be
79 used for special registration sessions (i.e., those sessions
80 held away from the courthouse in the several precincts of the
81 county or sessions held on Saturday or between the hours of
82 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.). Notice of any special session
83 scheduled by the board shall be given at least 10 days prior
84 to the special session by: (1) Bills posted at three or more



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85 public places in each election precinct affected, if the
86 session involves precinct visits; and (2) advertisement once a
87 week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the
88 county or by radio or television announcements on a local
89 station, or both by newspaper or announcement."

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