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3 By Senator Price
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase
7 the maximum number of working days the Chambers County Board
8 of Registrars may meet each fiscal year to 180 working days.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "§17-3-8.

13 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the
14 Counties of ~~Chambers~~, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia,
15 Geneva, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum
16 of 120 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board
17 of registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,
18 Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and
19 Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal
20 year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each board of
21 registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each
22 fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county
23 commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective
24 county funds; each member of the board of registrars in
25 Tallapoosa County and each member of the board of registrars

1 in Talladega County may meet a maximum of 220 working days
2 each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the board of
3 registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each
4 fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county
5 commission; each member of the board of registrars in the
6 Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,
7 Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216
8 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
9 registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a
10 maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member
11 of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a
12 maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

13 "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert,
14 Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe each member of the board of
15 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal
16 year.

17 "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of
18 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187
19 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of
20 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days
21 each fiscal year and each member of the Board of Registrars of
22 Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and
23 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal
24 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following
25 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days

1 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188
2 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working
3 days; Etowah - 207 working days; Chambers - 180 working days;
4 and Lawrence - 140 working days.

5 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the
6 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Madison, Mobile,
7 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not
8 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out
9 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now
10 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be
11 exempted from the provisions of this section. Provided,
12 however, that where the words "each year" are used in the
13 local laws the words mean "each fiscal year."

14 "(e) The actual number of working days to be used as
15 session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of
16 registrars according to the needs of the county.

17 "(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may
18 be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those
19 sessions held away from the courthouse in the several
20 precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or
21 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.). Notice of any
22 special session scheduled by the board shall be given at least
23 10 days prior to the special session by (1) bills posted at
24 three or more public places in each election precinct
25 affected, if the session involves precinct visits, and (2)

1 advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a
2 newspaper published in the county or by radio or television
3 announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or
4 announcement."

5 Section 2. This act shall become effective on
6 October 1, 2019, following its passage and approval by the
7 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 30-MAY-19

By: Senator Price