

1 HB486  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may not  
9 register to vote during the 14-day period before an  
10 election.

11 This bill would allow a person to register  
12 to vote up to and on the day of the election in  
13 which he or she votes.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to voting; to amend Section 17-3-50, Code  
20 of Alabama 1975; to allow a person to register to vote up to  
21 and on the day of an election.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Section 17-3-50, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 "§17-3-50.

26 "(a) ~~The boards of registrars in the several~~  
27 ~~counties of the state shall not register any person as a~~

1 ~~qualified elector within 14 days prior to any election;~~  
2 ~~provided, that the~~ In order to vote in any election for which  
3 registration is required, a person must be registered to vote  
4 in the jurisdiction of his or her residence before the close  
5 of the polling place on the day of the election. Any  
6 individual who chooses to register to vote on the day of an  
7 election shall be allowed to register, if eligible, at his or  
8 her polling place. The boards of registrars shall maintain  
9 open offices during business days in ~~such~~ the 14-day period  
10 before an election and on election day during the hours of  
11 voting. Any person registering to vote after the date of an  
12 election shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.

13 "(b) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to  
14 implement this section."

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