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ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number of working days that the Coffee County Board of Registrars may meet each fiscal year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 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 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each board of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective county funds; each member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Coffee, Talladega, and Tallapoosa County and ~~each~~

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

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

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

1 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days
2 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188
3 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working
4 days; Etowah - 207 working days; Chambers - 180 working days;
5 and Lawrence - 140 working days.

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

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

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

1 affected, if the session involves precinct visits; and (2)
2 advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a
3 newspaper published in the county or by radio or television
4 announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or
5 announcement."

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 25-FEB-20, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

05-MAY-20

Passed