

1 SB19
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3 By Senator Jones
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Etowah County Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 207 working days each fiscal year.

This bill would increase the number of working days that the board may meet to a maximum of five working days each week.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session and Act 2020-113 of the 2020 Regular Session, relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase the number of working days that the Etowah 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 amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session and Act 2020-113 of the 2020 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

1 "§17-3-8.

2 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the
3 Counties of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva,
4 Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120
5 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of
6 registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,
7 Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and
8 Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal
9 year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each board of
10 registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each
11 fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county
12 commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective
13 county funds; each member of the board of registrars in the
14 Counties of Coffee, Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a
15 maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year, except that in
16 Talladega County the board of registrars may meet up to an
17 additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion
18 of the chair of the county commission; each member of the
19 board of registrars in the Counties of Dale, Franklin,
20 Houston, Marion, Marshall, Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may
21 meet a maximum of 216 working days each fiscal year; each
22 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Limestone
23 and Shelby may meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal
24 year; and each member of the board of registrars in Russell
25 County may meet a maximum of 177 working days each fiscal
26 year.

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

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

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