

1 SB129
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3 By Senators Price and Elliott
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the board of registrars in Lee County may only meet a maximum of 168 working hours each fiscal year, and an additional 30 days at the discretion of the county commission.

This bill would allow the board of registrars in Lee County to meet five days each week of the year.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, and Act 2020-113, 2020 Regular Session; to increase the maximum number of days the board of registrars in Lee County may meet each year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as
2 last amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, and Act
3 2020-113, 2020 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§17-3-8.

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

1 County may meet a maximum of 177 working days each fiscal
2 year.

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

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

19 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the
20 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Lee, Madison, Mobile,
21 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not
22 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out
23 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now
24 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be
25 exempted from this section. Provided, however, that where the
26 term "each year" is used in the local laws the term means
27 "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.