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3 By Representative Lawrence
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Wilcox County Board
9 of Registrars may meet a maximum of 120 working
10 days each fiscal year.

11 This bill would increase the maximum number
12 of working days the board may meet each fiscal
13 year.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section
20 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2019-439
21 of the 2019 Regular Session and Act 2020-113 of the 2020
22 Regular Session, to increase the maximum number of working
23 days the Wilcox County Board of Registrars may meet each
24 fiscal year.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as
27 last amended by Act 2019-439 of the 2019 Regular Session and

1 Act 2020-113 of the 2020 Regular Session, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 "§17-3-8.

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

1 in Russell County may meet a maximum of 177 working days each
2 fiscal 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, 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
18 October 1, 2021, following its passage and approval by the
19 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.