

1 SB59  
2 151922-1  
3 By Senator Sanders  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may not  
9 register to vote during the 10-day period prior to  
10 any election.

11 This bill would allow a person to register  
12 to vote on any day a board of registrars maintains  
13 office hours including the day of any election.

14 This bill would authorize the Secretary of  
15 State to adopt rules to implement this change.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to voting; to amend Section 17-3-50, Code  
22 of Alabama 1975, to allow a person to register to vote up to  
23 and on the day of any election; and to authorize the Secretary  
24 of State to adopt rules to implement this amended section.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

1           "§17-3-50.

2           "~~(a) The boards~~ A board of registrars ~~in the several~~  
3 ~~counties of the state shall not register any person as a~~  
4 ~~qualified elector within 10 days prior to any election;~~  
5 ~~provided, that the boards~~ shall register any person possessing  
6 the qualifications of an elector on any day the board  
7 maintains office hours. A board of registrars shall maintain  
8 open offices during business days ~~in such~~ during the 10-day  
9 period prior to any election and on election day during the  
10 hours of voting. The Secretary of State may promulgate rules  
11 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

12           "(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply  
13 in any county having a population of not less than 600,000  
14 inhabitants according to the 1970 or any succeeding federal  
15 decennial census, and any currently effective local law or  
16 general law of local application providing for a deadline on  
17 registration in such county shall remain in full force and  
18 effect and shall not be repealed by operation of this  
19 section."

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