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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the state pays each board of registrar a salary of eighty dollars (\$80) per day for each day of service.

This bill would increase the salary of each board of registrar.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section 17-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the salary paid by the state of each board of registrar.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-3-5.

"(a) Each registrar shall receive a salary in the amount of ~~eighty~~ one hundred dollars ~~(\$80)~~ (\$100) per day for each day's attendance upon business of the board, to be paid

1 by the state and disbursed to the county commissions and
2 disbursed by the county commissions to each registrar on order
3 of a quorum of the board of registrars of the county. The
4 state Comptroller shall issue to each county commission on a
5 monthly basis an amount sufficient to fund these payments plus
6 the employer share of the Social Security or Federal Insurance
7 Corporation Act tax. The county commission will provide to the
8 state Comptroller an invoice itemized to reflect payments
9 made. If a legal holiday falls on a day the board is to be in
10 session, and the courthouse of the county is closed for the
11 holiday, the board of registrars shall be compensated for the
12 holiday. Each registrar shall receive a mileage allowance
13 equal to the amount allowed state employees or employees of
14 the county, whichever is greater, for official travel in the
15 course of attending the business of the board, including
16 attending continuing education programs. Travel and other
17 expenses shall be paid by the county commissions to the boards
18 of registrars and the state shall reimburse the county
19 commissions based on a written request submitted by the county
20 commissions to the state Comptroller.

21 "(b) The provisions of this section regarding travel
22 mileage shall not apply in any county having a population of
23 600,000 or more inhabitants according to the 1970 or any
24 succeeding federal decennial census, and any currently
25 effective local law or general law of local application
26 regarding travel mileage for registrars in the county shall

1 remain in full force and effect and shall not be repealed by
2 operation of this chapter.

3 "(c) Members of the boards of registrars of this
4 state are hereby declared to be state employees for the
5 purposes of Chapter 28 of Title 36.

6 "(d) Members of the boards of registrars of this
7 state shall be treated as equals with other state and county
8 employees in regard to Social Security protection and
9 benefits.

10 "(e) All payments by a county to any member of a
11 county board of registrars ~~(except for mileage or~~
12 ~~reimbursement for expenses)~~ , except for mileage or
13 reimbursement for expenses, shall be treated for Social
14 Security purposes equally with payments by that county to
15 other county employees of the county.

16 "(f) The state office for Social Security and the
17 state Comptroller and each county commission ~~are directed to~~
18 shall take all necessary action to insure that members of the
19 boards of registrars of this state are treated as other state
20 and county employees in regard to Social Security protection
21 and benefits as provided in Chapter 28 of Title 36, including,
22 if necessary, amending the federal-state agreement referred to
23 in Chapter 28 of Title 36, to implement the intent of the
24 Legislature as expressed herein.

25 "(g) No county commission may reduce the current
26 county supplement upon the effect of this section by
27 implementation of Act 94-693.

1 "(h) (1) A county commission may allow the chair or
2 any member of the county board of registrars who has served at
3 least 16 years in that position to participate in any health
4 insurance program provided by the county upon the same terms,
5 conditions, and employee contributions as required for county
6 employees.

7 (2) This subsection shall not apply to any health
8 insurance plans administered by the State of Alabama as
9 described in Title 36, Chapter 29 and Title 11, Chapter 91A."

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