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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a board of registrars is
9 prohibited from registering any person as a
10 qualified elector within the 10-day time period
11 before an election.

12 This bill would extend the prohibition time
13 period from 10 to 17 days.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 To amend Section 17-3-50, Code of Alabama 1975, to
20 extend the time period during which a board of registrars is
21 prohibited from registering any person as a qualified elector
22 from 10 to 17 days before an election.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 17-3-50 of the Code of Alabama
25 1975, is amended to read as follows:

26 "§17-3-50.

1 "(a) The boards of registrars in the several
2 counties of the state shall not register any person as a
3 qualified elector within ~~10~~ 17 days prior to any election;
4 provided, that the boards shall maintain open offices during
5 business days in such ~~10-day~~ 17-day period and on election day
6 during the hours of voting.

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13 effect and shall not be repealed by operation of this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

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