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3 By Senators Price and Elliott  
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to boards of registrars; to amend Section  
6 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2019-439,  
7 2019 Regular Session, and Act 2020-113, 2020 Regular Session;  
8 to increase the maximum number of days the board of registrars  
9 in Lee County may meet each year.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
12 last amended by Act 2019-439, 2019 Regular Session, and Act  
13 2020-113, 2020 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

14 "§17-3-8.

15 "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the  
16 Counties of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva,  
17 Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum of 120  
18 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of  
19 registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,  
20 Fayette, Greene, ~~Lee~~, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and  
21 Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal  
22 year, except in ~~the Counties of Lee and Pike~~ County each board  
23 of registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days  
24 each fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county  
25 commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective

1 county funds; each member of the board of registrars in the  
2 Counties of Coffee, Talladega, and Tallapoosa may meet a  
3 maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year, except that in  
4 Talladega County the board of registrars may meet up to an  
5 additional 30 session days each fiscal year, at the discretion  
6 of the chair of the county commission; each member of the  
7 board of registrars in the Counties of Dale, Franklin,  
8 Houston, Marion, Marshall, Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may  
9 meet a maximum of 216 working days each fiscal year; each  
10 member of the board of registrars in the Counties of Limestone  
11 and Shelby may meet a maximum of 167 working days each fiscal  
12 year; and each member of the board of registrars in Russell  
13 County may meet a maximum of 177 working days each fiscal  
14 year.

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

18 "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of  
19 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187  
20 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of  
21 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days  
22 each fiscal year, and each member of the Board of Registrars  
23 of Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and  
24 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal  
25 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following

1 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days  
2 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188  
3 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working  
4 days; Etowah - 207 working days; Chambers - 180 working days;  
5 and Lawrence - 140 working days.

6 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the  
7 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Lee, Madison, Mobile,  
8 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not  
9 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out  
10 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now  
11 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be  
12 exempted from this section. Provided, however, that where the  
13 term "each year" is used in the local laws the term means  
14 "each fiscal year."

15 "(e) The actual number of working days to be used as  
16 session days shall be determined by a quorum of the board of  
17 registrars according to the needs of the county.

18 "(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may  
19 be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those  
20 sessions held away from the courthouse in the several  
21 precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or  
22 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.). Notice of any  
23 special session scheduled by the board shall be given at least  
24 10 days prior to the special session by: (1) Bills posted at  
25 three or more public places in each election precinct

1 affected, if the session involves precinct visits; and (2)  
2 advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a  
3 newspaper published in the county or by radio or television  
4 announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or  
5 announcement."

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Price