

1 SB155  
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3 By Senator Taylor  
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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 Under existing law, the judge of probate  
13 after registration is closed compiles a list of  
14 registered voters.

15 This bill would extend the prohibition time  
16 period from 10 to 17 days.

17 This bill would require the voter  
18 registration list to be printed within the 17-day  
19 period prior to an election.

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21 A BILL

22 TO BE ENTITLED

23 AN ACT

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25 To amend Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-2, Code of  
26 Alabama 1975, to extend the time period during which a board  
27 of registrars is prohibited from registering any person as a

1 qualified elector from 10 to 17 days before an election; and  
2 to require the voter registration list to be printed within  
3 the 10-day period before an election.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-2 of the Code  
6 of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

7 "§17-3-50.

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

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20 effect and shall not be repealed by operation of this section.

21 "§17-4-2.

22 "The board of registrars, when registration is  
23 closed before a primary, general, or special election, shall  
24 certify to the Secretary of State any additions, deletions,  
25 corrections, or changes to the state voter registration list.  
26 After registration has closed and within the 17-day period  
27 before an election, the judge of probate shall prepare and

1 print a report from the state voter registration list of the  
2 correct alphabetical lists of the qualified electors  
3 registered by precincts, districts, or subdivisions of a  
4 precinct where the precinct has been divided or subdivided, if  
5 not within a city or incorporated town, and by wards and other  
6 subdivisions, if within a city or incorporated town, and no  
7 others. An electronic archive in the database for the state  
8 voter registration list shall be recorded simultaneously with  
9 the printing of each county's list of qualified voters. Each  
10 printed list of qualified voters shall contain a printed  
11 certification generated by the state voter registration system  
12 establishing that the contents of the list are true and  
13 correct as of the specified time and date when it was printed.  
14 The judge of probate shall deliver or cause to be delivered to  
15 the inspectors in each precinct, each district, each ward, or  
16 each other subdivision one copy of the list of qualified  
17 electors printed for such box or voting place immediately  
18 preceding every general, primary, or special election, and the  
19 delivered list shall contain only the names of persons  
20 qualified to vote at such box or voting place; except, that  
21 for purposes of information only, there may be delivered to  
22 the inspectors lists prepared for other boxes or voting  
23 places. The list published in the newspaper before each  
24 primary election shall not be used as the poll list.

25 "Notwithstanding the foregoing, electronic access to  
26 the state voter registration list may be utilized in lieu of a  
27 printed list in accordance with administrative rules

1 promulgated and implemented by the Secretary of State. The  
2 Secretary of State shall send any proposed new rule or  
3 amendment to an existing rule by certified mail to each county  
4 canvassing board at least 30 days prior to certification of  
5 the proposed rule or amendment pursuant to the Administrative  
6 Procedure Act.

7 "Both the board of registrars and the judge of  
8 probate shall keep a current copy of the qualified elector  
9 list for the county open and subject to public inspection."

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.