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3 By Senators Chesteen, Williams, Smitherman and Sessions
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to elections; to authorize a judge of
6 probate to appoint up to two high school or college students
7 to work as unpaid student interns at each polling place in the
8 county on election day; to provide student intern
9 qualifications; and to allow student interns to count any
10 absence from school as an excused absence.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. (a) The judge of probate in each county
13 may appoint not more than two students for each precinct to
14 serve as unpaid student interns during elections. To be
15 appointed a student intern, a student must meet all of the
16 following qualifications:

17 (1) Be recommended by a principal or other school
18 official, or by the individual responsible for the student's
19 home instruction program.

20 (2) Be at least 16 years of age at the time of
21 the election for which the appointment is made.

22 (3) Be a resident of the county or municipality for
23 which the appointment is made.

24 (4) Be enrolled in a public high school, an
25 accredited private high school or a home instruction program

1 and be classified as a junior or senior or the equivalent, or
2 be enrolled in a two-year or four-year institution of higher
3 education.

4 (b) The duties of the student interns appointed
5 pursuant to this section shall be determined by the officials
6 in charge of the election in the county or municipality;
7 provided, however, the duties may not include either of the
8 following:

9 (1) Determining the qualifications of a voter in the
10 event a voter is challenged.

11 (2) The operation and maintenance of any voting
12 equipment.

13 (c) Student interns shall at all times be under the
14 supervision of the poll managers of the election while
15 performing their duties at precincts.

16 (d) Before performing any duties, student interns
17 shall attend all required training for poll workers of the
18 county or municipality and any additional training considered
19 necessary by the officials in charge of the election in the
20 county or municipality.

21 (e) A student intern who works four or more hours in
22 a day during school hours on the day of an election or any day
23 of training shall be entitled to an excused absence from
24 school for purposes of Chapter 28 of Title 16, Code of Alabama
25 1975.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

House of Representatives
Passed: 30-MAY-19

By: Senator Chesteen