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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Chambers County  
9 Board of Registrars may meet a maximum of 120  
10 working days each fiscal year.

11 This bill would increase the maximum number  
12 of working days the board may meet each fiscal year  
13 to 180 working days.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975,  
20 relating to meeting days of boards of registrars; to increase  
21 the maximum number of working days the Chambers County Board  
22 of Registrars may meet each fiscal year to 180 working days.  
23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 "§17-3-8.

1           "(a) Each member of the board of registrars in the  
2       Counties of ~~Chambers~~, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Escambia,  
3       Geneva, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox may meet a maximum  
4       of 120 working days each fiscal year; each member of the board  
5       of registrars in the Counties of Barbour, Blount, Butler,  
6       Fayette, Greene, Lee, Marengo, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, and  
7       Winston may meet a maximum of 168 working days each fiscal  
8       year, except in the Counties of Lee and Pike each board of  
9       registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each  
10      fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county  
11      commission, and such days shall be paid from the respective  
12      county funds; each member of the board of registrars in  
13      Tallapoosa County and each member of the board of registrars  
14      in Talladega County may meet a maximum of 220 working days  
15      each fiscal year, except that in Talladega County the board of  
16      registrars may meet up to an additional 30 session days each  
17      fiscal year, at the discretion of the chair of the county  
18      commission; each member of the board of registrars in the  
19      Counties of Dale, Franklin, Houston, Marion, Marshall,  
20      Bullock, Macon, and Tuscaloosa may meet a maximum of 216  
21      working days each fiscal year; each member of the board of  
22      registrars in the Counties of Limestone and Shelby may meet a  
23      maximum of 167 working days each fiscal year; and each member  
24      of the board of registrars in Russell County may meet a  
25      maximum of 177 working days each fiscal year.

26           "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert,  
27      Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe each member of the board of

1 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal  
2 year.

3 "(c) Each member of the Board of Registrars of  
4 Autauga, Elmore, and Bibb Counties may meet a maximum of 187  
5 working days each fiscal year. Each member of the Board of  
6 Registrars of Walker County may meet a maximum of 200 days  
7 each fiscal year and each member of the Board of Registrars of  
8 Lamar, Cherokee, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, and  
9 Washington Counties may meet a maximum of 140 days each fiscal  
10 year. Each member of the board of registrars in the following  
11 counties may meet the following maximum number of working days  
12 each fiscal year: Henry - 140 working days; Covington - 188  
13 working days; DeKalb - 207 working days; Jackson - 207 working  
14 days; Etowah - 207 working days; Chambers - 180 working days;  
15 and Lawrence - 140 working days.

16 "(d) Each member of the board of registrars in the  
17 Counties of Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Madison, Mobile,  
18 Montgomery, St. Clair, and Morgan are authorized to meet not  
19 more than five days each week for the purpose of carrying out  
20 their official duties. Jefferson County, which is now  
21 operating under the provisions of local laws, shall be  
22 exempted from the provisions of this section. Provided,  
23 however, that where the words "each year" are used in the  
24 local laws the words mean "each fiscal year."

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

1           "(f) As many as 25 of the allotted working days may  
2       be used for special registration sessions (i.e., those  
3       sessions held away from the courthouse in the several  
4       precincts of the county or sessions held on Saturday or  
5       between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.). Notice of any  
6       special session scheduled by the board shall be given at least  
7       10 days prior to the special session by (1) bills posted at  
8       three or more public places in each election precinct  
9       affected, if the session involves precinct visits, and (2)  
10      advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in a  
11      newspaper published in the county or by radio or television  
12      announcements on a local station, or both by newspaper or  
13      announcement."

14           Section 2. This act shall become effective on  
15      October 1, 2019, following its passage and approval by the  
16      Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.