

1 HB486
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may not
9 register to vote during the 14-day period before an
10 election.

11 This bill would allow a person to register
12 to vote up to and on the day of the election in
13 which he or she votes.
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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 Relating to voting; to amend Section 17-3-50, Code
20 of Alabama 1975; to allow a person to register to vote up to
21 and on the day of an election.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

25 "§17-3-50.

26 "(a) ~~The boards of registrars in the several~~
27 ~~counties of the state shall not register any person as a~~

1 ~~qualified elector within 14 days prior to any election;~~
2 ~~provided, that the~~ In order to vote in any election for which
3 registration is required, a person must be registered to vote
4 in the jurisdiction of his or her residence before the close
5 of the polling place on the day of the election. Any
6 individual who chooses to register to vote on the day of an
7 election shall be allowed to register, if eligible, at his or
8 her polling place. The boards of registrars shall maintain
9 open offices during business days in ~~such~~ the 14-day period
10 before an election and on election day during the hours of
11 voting. Any person registering to vote after the date of an
12 election shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.

13 "(b) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to
14 implement this 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.