

1 HB592
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3 By Representatives Johnson and Hurst
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the members of the
9 Talladega County Board of Registrars meet a maximum
10 of 168 days per year.

11 This bill would allow the members of the
12 Talladega County Board of Registrars to meet a
13 maximum of 220 days per year and an additional 30
14 days at the discretion of the chair of the county
15 commission.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 To amend Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975,
22 relating to the meeting days of county boards of registrars,
23 to allow the members of the Talladega County Board of
24 Registrars to meet a maximum of 220 days per year and an
25 additional 30 days at the discretion of the chair of the
26 county commission.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

3 "§17-3-8.

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

1 "(b) In the Counties of Choctaw, Coffee, Colbert,
2 Cullman, Lauderdale, and Monroe, each member of the board of
3 registrars may meet a maximum of 199 working days each fiscal
4 year.

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

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

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

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

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective
18 immediately following its passage and approval by the
19 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.