HB59

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By Representatives Martin, Gipson, Melton, McMillan and Guin

RFD: Constitution and Elections

First Read: 04-MAR-03

PFD: 02/28/2003
ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Section 17-7-5.1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the hours of holding elections, to require each polling place to open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. with certain exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-7-5.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-7-5.1. Every polling place shall open for voting at no later than 7:00 A.M. and shall close at and shall close no earlier than 6:00 P.M. nor later than 8:00 P.M. and shall remain open for voting for not less than 12 consecutive hours. All polling places in the Eastern Time Zone shall open and close under this act pursuant to Eastern Time except the county commissions in Chambers County and Lee County may by resolution provide for any polling place to be excluded from this sentence and to be open according to Central Time. The precise hours of voting for each polling place, within these limits, shall be prescribed by the county commission."

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

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 11-MAR-03, as amended.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate 16-JUN-03 Amended and Passed

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