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S.B. No. 6

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain appointments to the boards of metropolitan
3 rapid transit authorities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 451.502(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The five board members under Section 451.501(a)(1) are
8 appointed by the governing body of the principal municipality,
9 except in an authority having a principal municipality with a
10 population of more than 1.2 million, the five board members are
11 selected as follows:

12 (1) three members appointed by the mayor of the
13 principal municipality and ~~[are]~~ subject to confirmation by the
14 governing body of the principal municipality;

15 (2) one member appointed by the commissioners court of
16 the principal county; and

17 (3) one member, who serves as presiding officer of the
18 board, selected by vote of the commissioners court of the principal
19 county and the governing body of the principal municipality, each
20 of which may cast five votes in the manner determined by the
21 majority of its members.

22 SECTION 2. Section 451.520(a), Transportation Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) The board shall elect from among its membership a

1 presiding officer, an assistant presiding officer, and a secretary.
2 This subsection does not apply to the selection of a presiding
3 officer [~~who is appointed~~] under Section 451.502(a)(3) or
4 451.502(e)(3).

5 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it
6 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
7 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
8 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
9 effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of
10 the legislative session.

11 (b) The commissioners court of the principal county shall
12 make the appointment required under Section 451.502(a)(2),
13 Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, following the second
14 vacancy that occurs on the board of a metropolitan rapid transit
15 authority from the members previously appointed by the mayor of the
16 principal municipality under Section 451.502(a), Transportation
17 Code.

18 (c) The commissioners court and governing body of the
19 municipality shall make the appointment required under Section
20 451.502(a)(3), Transportation Code, as amended by this Act,
21 following the first vacancy that occurs on the board of a
22 metropolitan rapid transit authority from the members previously
23 appointed by the mayor of the principal municipality under Section
24 451.502(a), Transportation Code.