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H.B. No. 431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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 appointed as follows:

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

15 (2) one member, who serves as presiding officer of the  
16 board, appointed by a panel composed of:

17 (A) the commissioners court of the principal  
18 county; and

19 (B) the governing body of the principal  
20 municipality.

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

23 (a) The board shall elect from among its membership a  
24 presiding officer, an assistant presiding officer, and a secretary.

1 This subsection does not apply to the selection of a presiding  
2 officer who is appointed under Section 451.502(a)(2) or  
3 451.502(e)(3).

4 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

5 (b) The commissioners court and governing body of the  
6 municipality shall make the appointment required under Section  
7 451.502(a)(2), Transportation Code, as amended by this Act,  
8 following the first vacancy that occurs on the board of a  
9 metropolitan rapid transit authority from the members appointed  
10 under Section 451.502(a), Transportation Code, after the effective  
11 date of this Act.