

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a voting proxy by members of certain policy boards of metropolitan planning organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 472, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 472.031. POLICY BOARD. (a) A policy board of a metropolitan planning organization designated or redesignated under 23 U.S.C. Section 134 may provide in its bylaws for appointment of voting proxies by its members.

(b) A proxy appointed under Subsection (a):

(1) acts on behalf of and under the supervision of the policy board member who appointed the proxy;

(2) must be appointed in writing; and

(3) is authorized to vote for the policy board member who appointed the proxy to the extent the member has given the proxy the member's voting power.

(c) This section applies only to a policy board with at least 22 voting members of a metropolitan planning organization designated or redesignated for an urbanized area in which:

(1) the municipality with the largest population has a population of more than 600,000; and

(2) is located a regional mobility authority and a

1 rapid transit authority with a board created under Section
2 451.5021.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.