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H.B. No. 2369

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to arbitration of disputes between a metropolitan rapid  
3 transit authority and its employees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 451, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 451.113 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 451.113. ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN DISPUTES. (a) This  
8 section applies only to an authority:

9 (1) in which the principal city has a population of  
10 more than 1.5 million; and

11 (2) that has, with an association that represents  
12 employees of the authority, entered into an agreement that in whole  
13 or part relates to grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay,  
14 hours of work, or conditions of work.

15 (b) Either party to the agreement described by Subsection  
16 (a)(2) may apply to submit a dispute arising under the agreement to  
17 binding arbitration under Chapter 171, Civil Practice and Remedies  
18 Code, as if the agreement contained a provision requiring that  
19 arbitration and notwithstanding Section 171.002(a)(1).

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