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H.B. No. 2953

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation and powers of a north Texas regional
3 mobility authority.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 361, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 361.0035 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 361.0035. NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY.

8 (a) The commission by order may authorize the creation of a
9 regional mobility authority that includes Collin, Dallas, Denton,
10 Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant counties.

11 (b) The governing body of the regional mobility authority is
12 a board of directors. The commissioners court of each county in the
13 authority shall appoint one director. If the most populous
14 municipality in a county listed in Subsection (a) has a population
15 of more than 500,000, the mayor of that municipality shall appoint
16 one director. The governor shall appoint one director who shall
17 serve as the presiding officer of the board. If the number of
18 appointed directors is an even number, the appointed directors
19 shall elect one additional director, who must reside in a county in
20 the territory of the authority.

21 (c) A regional mobility authority created under this
22 section has all the powers of a regional mobility authority created
23 under Section 361.003 or another law of this state.

24 (d) For a segment of a highway of the free state highway

1 system that leads into and out of the territory of the regional
2 mobility authority, the board of directors of the authority has the
3 same powers as the department under Section 222.102 or the
4 commission under 362.0041, but only if the board enters into an
5 agreement with the commission under which the regional mobility
6 authority:

7 (1) assumes the duty to maintain or rehabilitate the
8 segment of the highway as required by Section 222.102; or

9 (2) assumes each duty assigned to the commission by
10 Section 362.0041.

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