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S.B. No. 119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of the governing body of certain metropolitan rapid transit authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 451.501(g), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) This section does not apply to the board of an authority described by Section 451.5021(a) or 451.5022(a).

SECTION 2. Sections 451.502(a) and (f), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The five board members under Section 451.501(a)(1) are appointed by the governing body of the principal municipality [~~except in an authority having a principal municipality with a population of more than 1.2 million, the five board members are appointed by the mayor of the principal municipality and are subject to confirmation by the governing body of the principal municipality~~].

(f) This section does not apply to the board of an authority described by Section 451.5021(a) or 451.5022(a).

SECTION 3. Subchapter K, Chapter 451, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 451.5022 to read as follows:

Sec. 451.5022. BOARD COMPOSITION; AUTHORITY HAVING PRINCIPAL MUNICIPALITY WITH POPULATION GREATER THAN 1.2 MILLION.

(a) This section applies only to the board of an authority having a

1 principal municipality with a population of more than 1.2 million.

2 (b) The board is composed of nine members who are appointed
3 as follows:

4 (1) four members appointed by the mayor of the
5 principal municipality who are subject to confirmation by the
6 governing body of the principal municipality;

7 (2) three members appointed by the commissioners court
8 of the principal county; and

9 (3) two members appointed by a panel composed of:

10 (A) the mayors of the municipalities in the
11 authority, excluding the mayor of the principal municipality; and

12 (B) the county judges of the counties having
13 unincorporated area in the authority, excluding the county judge of
14 the principal county.

15 (c) The principal municipality shall make its appointments
16 to the board so that at least one of the appointees is designated to
17 represent the interests of the transportation disadvantaged.

18 (d) In this section, "principal county" has the meaning
19 assigned by Section 451.501(f).

20 SECTION 4. (a) This section applies only to a metropolitan
21 rapid transit authority governed by a board to which Section
22 451.5022, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies.

23 (b) The changes in law made by this Act do not affect the
24 entitlement of a member serving on the board immediately before the
25 effective date of this Act to continue to carry out the member's
26 functions for the remainder of the member's term. On the expiration
27 of the first term of a member appointed by the mayor of the

1 principal municipality, as defined by Section 451.001,
2 Transportation Code, that occurs on or after the effective date of
3 this Act, the commissioners court of the principal county, as
4 defined by Section 451.501, Transportation Code, shall make an
5 appointment to fill the vacancy.

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