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H.B. No. 98

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain appointments to the boards of metropolitan rapid transit authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 451.502(a), Transportation Code, is 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 as follows:

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

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

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

(B) the governing body of the principal municipality.

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

(a) The board shall elect from among its membership a 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, 2005.

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.