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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the administration and powers of a coordinated county
3 transportation authority.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 224.154(b), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) If the commission authorizes the department to charge a
8 toll under Subsection (a), the department may enter into an
9 agreement with a regional tollway authority described in Chapter
10 366, a transit authority described in Chapter 451, 452, or 453, a
11 coordinated county transportation authority under Chapter 460, a
12 regional mobility authority under Chapter 361, a county acting
13 under Chapter 284, or a transportation corporation:

14 (1) to design, construct, operate, or maintain a toll
15 lane under this section; and

16 (2) to charge a toll for the use of one or more lanes of
17 a state highway facility under this section.

18 SECTION 2. Section 460.054, Transportation Code, is amended
19 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

20 (d) The county judge may fill a vacancy in a position
21 described by Subsection (b)(3) by naming a person nominated under
22 Subsection (c) for the unexpired term.

23 SECTION 3. Section 460.105(a), Transportation Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 (a) An authority may:

2 (1) acquire, construct, develop, plan, own, operate,
3 and maintain a public transportation system in the territory of the
4 authority, including the territory of a political subdivision or
5 municipality partially located in the territory of the authority;

6 (2) contract with a municipality, county, or other
7 political subdivision for the authority to provide public
8 transportation services outside the authority;

9 (3) lease all or part of the public transportation to,
10 or contract for the operation of all or a part of the public
11 transportation system by, an operator; ~~and~~

12 (4) contract with a political subdivision or
13 governmental entity to provide public transportation services
14 inside the authority consistent with rules and regulations
15 established by the authority, including capital, maintenance,
16 operation, and other costs specifically approved and audited by the
17 authority; and

18 (5) acquire, construct, develop, plan, own, operate,
19 maintain, or manage a public transportation system or project not
20 located in the territory of the authority if the system or project
21 provides a service, benefit, or convenience to the people in the
22 territory of the authority.

23 SECTION 4. Section 460.201(c), Transportation Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (c) Except as provided by Section 460.2015, a [A] vacancy on
26 the board of directors ~~[executive committee]~~ is filled in the same
27 manner as the original appointment to the interim executive

1 committee.

2 SECTION 5. Subchapter D, Chapter 460, Transportation Code,
3 is amended by adding Section 460.2015 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 460.2015. MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) The
5 board of directors of an authority confirmed under Subchapter B may
6 increase the population amount stated by Section 460.054(b)(1) in
7 increments of up to 5,000. If the board increases that population
8 amount, the board shall also increase each population amount stated
9 by Sections 460.054(b)(3) and 460.054(c) by the same amount.

10 (b) The board of directors may act under Subsection (a) only
11 once a year.

12 (c) A municipality that has appointed a member to the board
13 of directors under Section 460.054(b)(1) before the effective date
14 of an increase under Subsection (a) may continue to appoint a member
15 to the board of directors.

16 SECTION 6. Section 460.405(a), Transportation Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) Federal funds and appropriated state funds may not be
19 spent by [An employee, agent, or person receiving compensation
20 from] or on behalf of an authority to influence or [may not attempt
21 to] affect the award or outcome of a state or federal contract,
22 loan, or cooperative agreement [proposed legislation].

23 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.