

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 224.153(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department may enter into an agreement with a transit authority under Chapter 451, 452, or 453, a regional mobility authority under Chapter 361, a coordinated county transportation authority under Chapter 460, a municipality, or a transportation corporation for the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of a high occupancy vehicle lane.

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

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

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

(a) An authority may:

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

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

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

7 (4) contract with a political subdivision or
8 governmental entity to provide public transportation services
9 inside the authority consistent with rules and regulations
10 established by the authority, including capital, maintenance,
11 operation, and other costs specifically approved and audited by the
12 authority; and

13 (5) acquire, construct, develop, plan, own, operate,
14 maintain, or manage a public transportation system or project not
15 located in the territory of the authority if the system or project
16 provides a service, benefit, or convenience to the people in the
17 territory of the authority.

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

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

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

26 Sec. 460.2015. MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) The
27 board of directors of an authority confirmed under Subchapter B may

1 increase the population amount stated by Section 460.054(b)(1) in
2 increments of up to 5,000. If the board increases that population
3 amount, the board shall also increase each population amount stated
4 by Sections 460.054(b)(3) and 460.054(c) by the same amount.

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

7 (c) A municipality that has appointed a member to the board
8 of directors under Section 460.054(b)(1) before the effective date
9 of an increase under Subsection (a) may continue to appoint a member
10 to the board of directors.

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1986 was passed by the House on May 3, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1986 on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1986 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor