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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 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, 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:

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;
(2) contract with a municipality, county, or other

subdivision for the authority to provide public political

transportation services outside the authority;

(3) lease all or part of the public transportation to, or contract for the operation of all or a part of the public

transportation system by, an operator; [and]

- (4) contract with a political subdivision or governmental entity to provide public transportation services inside the authority consistent with rules and regulations established by the authority, including capital, maintenance, operation, and other costs specifically approved and audited by the authority; and
- construct, develop, plan, own, operate, acquire, or manage a public transportation system or project not located in the territory of the authority if the system or project provides a service, benefit, or convenience to the people in the territory of the authority.

  SECTION 4. Section 460.201(c), Transportation Code, is

amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

- C.S.H.B. No. 1986 The board of directors may act under Subsection (a) only (b) once a year.
  - (c) A municipality that has appointed a member to the board of directors under Section 460.054(b)(1) before the effective date of an increase under Subsection (a) may continue to appoint a member to the board of directors.

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

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

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

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