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H.B. No. 474

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the composition of the board of directors of a regional
3 mobility authority.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 370.251(a) and (g), Transportation
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The governing body of an authority is a board of
8 directors. Subject to Subsection (g) and Section 370.252, to be
9 eligible to serve as director an individual must be a
10 representative of an entity that also has representation on a
11 metropolitan planning organization [~~consisting of representatives~~
12 ~~of each county~~] in which a transportation project of the authority
13 is located or is proposed to be located, regardless of where the
14 individual resides or whether the entity is within the geographic
15 area of the authority. The commissioners court of each county that
16 initially forms the authority shall appoint at least two directors
17 to the board. Additional directors may be appointed to the board at
18 the time of initial formation by agreement of the counties creating
19 the authority to ensure fair representation of political
20 subdivisions in the counties of the authority that will be affected
21 by a transportation project of the authority, provided that the
22 number of directors must be an odd number. The commissioners court
23 of a county that is subsequently added to the authority shall
24 appoint one director to the board. The governor shall appoint one

1 director to the board who shall serve as the presiding officer of
2 the board and shall appoint an additional director to the board if
3 an appointment is necessary to maintain an odd number of directors
4 on the board.

5 (g) The following individuals are ineligible to serve as a
6 director:

7 (1) an elected official;

8 (2) ~~[a person who is not a resident of a county within~~
9 ~~the geographic area of the authority];~~

10 [~~3~~] a department employee;

11 (3) [~~4~~] an employee of a governmental entity any part
12 of which is located within the geographic boundaries of the
13 authority; and

14 (4) [~~5~~] a person owning an interest in real property
15 that will be acquired for an authority project, if it is known at
16 the time of the person's proposed appointment that the property
17 will be acquired for the authority project.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.