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H.B. No. 15

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the participation of certain metropolitan planning  
3 organization policy board members in votes of the board related to  
4 certain toll projects.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 371, Transportation Code,  
7 as added by Chapter 103 (H.B. 570), Acts of the 80th Legislature,  
8 Regular Session, 2007, is amended by adding Section 371.002 to read  
9 as follows:

10 Sec. 371.002. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION APPROVAL  
11 OF TOLL PROJECTS. A member of the policy board of a metropolitan  
12 planning organization may not participate in a vote of the board to  
13 approve the construction of a new toll project or the conversion of  
14 a nontolled project to a toll project unless the member is an  
15 elected official.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Transportation Code,  
17 is amended by adding Section 372.002 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 372.002. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION APPROVAL  
19 OF TOLL PROJECTS. A member of the policy board of a metropolitan  
20 planning organization may not participate in a vote of the board to  
21 approve the construction of a new toll project or the conversion of  
22 a nontolled project to a toll project unless the member is an  
23 elected official.

24 SECTION 3. (a) Section 1 of this Act takes effect only if

1 the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to  
2 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in existing codes does  
3 not become law. If the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular  
4 Session, 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and  
5 corrections in existing codes becomes law, Section 1 of this Act has  
6 no effect.

7 (b) Section 2 of this Act takes effect only if the Act of the  
8 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to  
9 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in existing codes  
10 becomes law. If the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session,  
11 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in  
12 existing codes does not become law, Section 2 of this Act has no  
13 effect.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.