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H.B. No. 2219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public transportation advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 455.004(a), (b), and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A public transportation advisory committee consisting of nine [~~11~~] members shall:

(1) advise the commission on the needs and problems of the state's public transportation providers, including the methods for allocating state public transportation money;

(2) comment on rules involving public transportation during development of the rules and before the commission finally adopts the rules unless an emergency requires immediate commission action;

(3) advise the commission on the implementation of Chapter 461; [~~and~~]

(4) perform any other duty determined by the commission; and

(5) reflect the diversity of the state.

(b) The members [~~commission shall appoint members of the advisory committee. The membership~~] of the committee shall be appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall each appoint [~~include~~]:

(1) one member [~~four members~~] who represents

1 ~~[represent]~~ a diverse cross-section of public transportation
2 providers;

3 (2) one member [~~three members~~] who represents
4 ~~[represent]~~ a diverse cross-section of transportation users; and

5 (3) one member [~~three members~~] who represents
6 ~~[represent]~~ the general public~~[, and~~

7 [~~(4) one member with experience in the administration~~
8 ~~of health and human services programs]~~.

9 (c) A member serves at the pleasure of the officer who
10 appointed the member [~~commission~~]. A member is not entitled to
11 compensation for service on the committee but is entitled to
12 reimbursement for reasonable expenses the member incurs in
13 performing committee duties.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to the public
15 transportation advisory committee does not affect the entitlement
16 of a member serving on the committee immediately before the
17 effective date of this Act to serve the remainder of the member's
18 term. The first two members whose positions expire or become vacant
19 may not be replaced.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.