Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1263 (Watson/Rodriguez)

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 1263 (certain mass transit entities) to consider and take action on the following matters:

- (1) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to change text not in disagreement and add text not included in either version of the bill under Section 7 of the bill in amended Section 451.5021(b)(2), Transportation Code, to read as follows:
- (2) two members, one who must be and one who may be an elected official, [two members] appointed by the governing body of the principal municipality;

Explanation: The change is necessary because of the two members of the board appointed by the municipality, only one must be an elected official.

- (2) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (2) are suspended to permit the committee to change and omit text not in disagreement in Section 7 of the bill in amended Sections 451.5021(b)(3) and (b)(4), Transportation Code, so that the text reads as follows:
- (3) one member appointed by the commissioners court of the principal county;
 - (4) one member appointed by the commissioners court of

the county, excluding the principal county, that has the largest population of the counties in the authority [a panel composed of the mayors of all the municipalities in the authority located in the principal county of the authority, excluding the mayor of the principal municipality]; [and]

Explanation: The alteration of text is necessary because the members under these subdivisions will not be jointly appointed.

- (3) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to change text not in disagreement and add text not included in either version of the bill in Section 7 of the bill in the introduction of amended Section 451.5021(d), Transportation Code, so that it reads as follows:
- (d) A person appointed under Subsection $\underline{(b)(1)}$, $\underline{(2)}$ [$\underline{(b)(2)}$, $\underline{(3)}$, $\underline{(4)}$], or $\underline{(5)}$, except as provided by Subsection $\underline{(b)(2)}$:

Explanation: The new text is needed to refer to the exception to this subsection under Subsection (b)(2).

- (4) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (2) are suspended to permit the committee to change and omit text not in disagreement in Section 7 of the bill, in added Sections 451.5021(d-2) and (d-3), Transportation Code, so that the text reads as follows:
 - (d-2) A person appointed under Subsection (b)(3) must:
- (1) have the person's principal place of occupation or employment in the portion of the authority's service area that is located in the principal county; or
 - (2) be a qualified voter of the principal county.

 (d-3) A person appointed under Subsection (b)(4) must:

- (1) have the person's principal place of occupation or employment in the portion of the authority's service area that is located in the county, other than the principal county, that has the largest population of the counties in the authority; or
- (2) be a qualified voter of the county, other than the principal county, that has the largest population of the counties in the authority.

Explanation: The changes delete text that was in error or that is not necessary because of the change from joint appointments under Subsections (b)(3) and (b)(4).