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S.B. No. 1762

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state financing of public transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 456.003, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 456.003. PARTICIPATION INELIGIBILITY. A transit authority is ineligible to participate in the formula or discretionary program provided by this chapter unless the authority was created under:

(1) Chapter 453 or former Article 1118z, Revised Statutes, by a municipality having a population of less than 200,000; or

(2) Chapter 451 or former Chapter 141 (S.B. 642), Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 1118x, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by a municipality having a population of less than 300,000.

SECTION 2. Section 456.006(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A designated recipient that is a rural or urban transit district, ~~or~~ municipal transit department, or eligible transit authority may use money from the formula or discretionary program and any local funds for any transit-related activity.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.