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H.B. No. 2536

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of certain regional transportation authority subregional boards.

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

SECTION 1. Section 452.541, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 452.541. BOARD MEMBERSHIP: RESIDENCY IN AUTHORITY.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a [A] member of a subregional board must be a qualified voter residing in the authority.

(b) An individual who does not reside in the authority may be appointed to the board under Section 452.562(c)(1) if the individual is a qualified voter of and resides in a municipality that:

(1) has entered into a contract with the authority to receive services; and

(2) has adopted a sales tax to participate in the funding of a transportation project being planned, developed, or operated by the authority.

SECTION 2. Section 452.562, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(c) If Subsection (b) does not apply, the subregional board shall be appointed as follows:

1 (1) the commissioners court of the county of the
2 principal municipality shall appoint at least one member to
3 represent:

4 (A) the unincorporated areas and municipalities
5 in the county that are not otherwise represented on the subregional
6 board; and

7 (B) the municipalities that have entered into a
8 contract with the authority to receive services; and

9 (2) the remaining members shall be apportioned to the
10 municipalities confirmed as all or part of the subregion according
11 to the ratio that the population of each unit of election bears to
12 the total population of the area confirmed as the subregion.

13 (g) An elected officer of the state or a political
14 subdivision of this state who is not prohibited by the Texas
15 Constitution from serving on the board is eligible, as an
16 additional duty of office, to serve on the board. An elected
17 officer who is a board member is not entitled to receive
18 compensation for serving as a member but is entitled to
19 reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in performing
20 duties as a member.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.