

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2702
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the current structure of regional mobility authorities is not fully understood by the public. These parties believe that public confusion regarding these authorities stems from the perception of the authorities as only a financial tool with no known attachment to local government. This misconception, the parties note, has led to a disconnect between the public and the authorities, as some people do not believe there is an avenue of information available or a place to provide input locally. H.B. 2702 seeks to address this issue by revising provisions relating to the composition of a board of directors of a regional mobility authority.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2702 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the commissioners courts of the counties of a regional mobility authority to establish by a resolution approved by at least two-thirds of the members of each of the commissioners courts a board of directors for the authority that is composed exclusively of county commissioners appointed by each of the commissioners courts, as an alternative to the statutory method by which a board of such an authority is established. The bill subjects the directors of a board established in this alternative manner to statutory provisions governing regional mobility authority boards, except for the provision making an elected official ineligible to serve as a director, requires the county commissioner directors to choose a director from among the directors to serve as the presiding officer in lieu of the governor's appointee, and exempts a board established in this alternative manner from specified statutory provisions governing regional mobility authority boards and directors.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.