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S.B. No. 1511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and governance of certain regional transportation authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 452.502(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The executive committee of a regional transportation authority confirmed in more than one subregion is composed of 11 members selected as follows:

(1) seven members from the membership of the subregional board in the subregion that has ~~[containing]~~ a principal municipality with ~~[having]~~ a population of more than 1.1 million according to the most recent federal decennial census ~~[800,000]~~; and

(2) four members from the membership of the subregional board in the subregion that has no principal municipality with a population of more than 1.1 million according to the most recent federal decennial census ~~[800,000]~~.

SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter N, Chapter 452, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER N. SUBREGIONAL BOARD IN AUTHORITY HAVING NO MUNICIPALITY WITH POPULATION OF MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION ~~[800,000]~~

SECTION 3. Section 452.561, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           Sec. 452.561. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
2 applies only to the board of a subregion that has no principal  
3 municipality with a population of more than 1.1 million according  
4 to the most recent federal decennial census [~~800,000~~].

5           SECTION 4. The heading to Subchapter O, Chapter 452,  
6 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7           SUBCHAPTER O. SUBREGIONAL BOARD IN SUBREGION HAVING PRINCIPAL  
8 MUNICIPALITY WITH POPULATION OF MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION [~~800,000~~]

9           SECTION 5. Section [452.571](#), Transportation Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11           Sec. 452.571. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
12 applies only to the board of a subregion that has a principal  
13 municipality with a population of more than 1.1 million according  
14 to the most recent federal decennial census [~~800,000~~].

15           SECTION 6. Sections [452.605](#)(a) and (b), Transportation  
16 Code, are amended to read as follows:

17           (a) A municipality with [~~having~~] a population of at least  
18 250,000 according to the most recent [~~preceding~~] federal decennial  
19 census and located in a county that has no principal municipality  
20 with a population of more than 1.1 million [~~800,000~~] according to  
21 the most recent [~~preceding~~] federal decennial census may join a  
22 separate authority by complying with this chapter.

23           (b) If a municipality described by Subsection (a) joins a  
24 separate authority and another separate authority is subsequently  
25 established in a county that has no principal municipality with a  
26 [~~of more than 800,000~~] population of more than 1.1 million  
27 according to the most recent [~~preceding~~] federal decennial census,

1 any municipality in that county that has voted to participate with  
2 any authority created under this chapter may at the time of the  
3 creation of the new authority:

- 4 (1) remain in the authority that was created first;
- 5 (2) join the new authority in the county in which the  
6 municipality is located; or
- 7 (3) participate with both authorities.

8 SECTION 7. Section 452.710(b), Transportation Code, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (b) The interim subregional board of a subregion that has no  
11 principal municipality with a population of more than 1.1 million  
12 according to the most recent federal decennial census [~~800,000~~] is  
13 composed of nine members appointed as provided by Section  
14 452.562(b).

15 SECTION 8. Section 452.712(d), Transportation Code, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (d) In a subregion that has no principal municipality with a  
18 population of more than 1.1 million according to the most recent  
19 federal decennial census [~~800,000~~], the tax rate must be approved  
20 by the commissioners court before the confirmation election.

21 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.