By:  Miles S.B. No. 1990

(In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; April 1, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; April 22, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

Seliger           X

Alvarado          X

Blanco            X

Hancock           X

Hinojosa          X

Kolkhorst                  X

Perry             X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of certain freight rail districts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 171.053, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 171.053.  INTERMUNICIPAL COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT POWERS. The governing bodies of the county or counties and of the most populous municipality in the most populous county may provide that the district may exercise the powers of an intermunicipal commuter rail district created under Chapter 173 or former Article 6550c-1, Revised Statutes, including the powers related to a commuter rail facility and other types of passenger rail services and advanced transportation technologies, including intercity rail services, bus rapid transit, and other modes of service, by specifying in the concurrent order or ordinance creating the district that those powers may be exercised by the district.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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