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S.B. No. 1174

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to gubernatorial appointments to the board of directors of
3 certain regional mobility authorities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 370.251(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the governing
8 body of an authority is a board of directors consisting of
9 representatives of each county in which a transportation project of
10 the authority is located or is proposed to be located. The
11 commissioners court of each county that initially forms the
12 authority shall appoint at least two directors to the
13 board. Additional directors may be appointed to the board at the
14 time of initial formation by agreement of the counties creating the
15 authority to ensure fair representation of political subdivisions
16 in the counties of the authority that will be affected by a
17 transportation project of the authority, provided that the number
18 of directors must be an odd number. The commissioners court of a
19 county that is subsequently added to the authority shall appoint at
20 least one director to the board. The governor shall appoint one
21 director to the board who shall serve as the presiding officer of
22 the board and shall appoint an additional director to the board if
23 an appointment is necessary to maintain an odd number of directors
24 on the board. For an authority consisting of two or more counties,

1 each with a population of 400,000 or more, the governor's
2 appointments shall be made on a rotating basis among the counties in
3 which a transportation project of the authority is located or is
4 proposed to be located.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.