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H.B. No. 5049

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 452.112, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Each member of the subregional board shall appoint an equal number of members to the committee.

SECTION 2. Section 452.543(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 452.5725(a), a [A] subregional board shall elect from its membership a presiding officer, assistant presiding officer, and secretary.

SECTION 3. Section 452.572, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 452.572. BOARD MEMBERSHIP; MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION.

(a) The subregional board is composed of one member [~~15 members~~] appointed by the governing body [~~bodies~~] of each municipality [~~the municipalities~~] in the subregional authority.

(b) The member appointed by the governing body of the principal [a] municipality is entitled to [~~appoint more than one board member may appoint a number of members less than the number allocated to the municipality. Those appointed members may~~] cast three [~~the same number of~~] votes [~~as the number of members~~]

1 ~~allocated, but a member may not cast a divided vote].~~

2 SECTION 4. Subchapter ~~O~~, Chapter ~~452~~, Transportation Code,
3 is amended by adding Section 452.5725 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 452.5725. PRESIDING OFFICER. (a) The position of
5 presiding officer of a subregional board rotates among the members
6 of the board in an order established by the board. A term as
7 presiding officer is two years.

8 (b) A member of the subregional board may not serve
9 consecutive terms as presiding officer.

10 SECTION 5. Section ~~452.578~~(a), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Members ~~[Each member]~~ of the subregional board serve for
13 [serves a] staggered terms [term] of two years, with the terms of
14 one-half of the members, or as near to one-half as possible,
15 expiring[. Eight of the terms begin] on July 1 of each year
16 [odd-numbered years, and seven terms begin on July 1 of
17 even-numbered years].

18 SECTION 6. The following provisions of the Transportation
19 Code are repealed:

- 20 (1) Section ~~452.573~~;
- 21 (2) Section ~~452.574~~(c);
- 22 (3) Section ~~452.575~~;
- 23 (4) Section ~~452.576~~;
- 24 (5) Section ~~452.577~~; and
- 25 (6) Section ~~452.578~~(b).

26 SECTION 7. (a) On the effective date of this Act, the terms
27 of office of the members of a subregional board described by

1 Subchapter O, Chapter 452, Transportation Code, as that subchapter
2 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, expire.

3 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
4 Act, the appropriate appointing entity shall appoint the members of
5 a subregional board under Section 452.572, Transportation Code, as
6 amended by this Act.

7 (c) As soon as practicable after the members of a
8 subregional board have been appointed under Section 452.572,
9 Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, the board members
10 shall draw lots to determine which board members serve terms
11 expiring July 1, 2026, and which board members serve terms expiring
12 July 1, 2027.

13 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.