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H.B. No. 499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public transportation advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 455.004(b) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The members of the committee shall be appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall each appoint:

(1) one member who represents a diverse cross-section of public transportation providers and may be employed by a transit provider or organization representing transit providers;

(2) one member who represents a diverse cross-section of transportation users and may not be employed by a transit provider or organization representing transit providers; and

(3) one member who represents the general public and who may be on the staff of a metropolitan planning organization or rural transportation planning organization but may not be employed by a transit provider or organization representing transit providers.

(c) Members serve for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for that position [~~A member serves at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member~~]. A member is

1 not entitled to compensation for service on the committee but is  
2 entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses the member incurs  
3 in performing committee duties.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The terms of the public transportation  
5 advisory committee members serving on the effective date of this  
6 Act expire January 31, 2017.

7 (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
8 455.004(b), Transportation Code, apply only to a member of the  
9 public transportation advisory committee with a term beginning on  
10 or after the effective date of this Act. A member of the public  
11 transportation advisory committee with a term beginning before the  
12 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect  
13 immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in  
14 effect for that purpose.

15 (c) Notwithstanding the changes in law made by this Act, a  
16 member of the public transportation advisory committee with a term  
17 beginning before the effective date of this Act may be reappointed  
18 to the committee under Section 455.004, Transportation Code.

19 (d) The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the  
20 house of representatives each shall appoint three members to the  
21 committee, in accordance with Section 455.004, Transportation  
22 Code, as amended by this Act, for terms beginning February 1, 2017,  
23 with one member having a term expiring February 1, 2019, one member  
24 having a term expiring February 1, 2021, and one member having a  
25 term expiring February 1, 2023.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.