

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 499  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2015;  
1-3 May 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation; May 19, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

|                       | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Nichols           | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-8 Huffines          | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9 Ellis             | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 Fraser           | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 Garcia           | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 Hall             | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 Hancock          | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 Kolkhorst        | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-15 Taylor of Collin | X   |     |        |     |

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the public transportation advisory committee.  
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-21 SECTION 1. Sections **455.004**(b) and (c), Transportation  
1-22 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-23 (b) The members of the committee shall be appointed by the  
1-24 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
1-25 representatives, who shall each appoint:

1-26 (1) one member who represents a diverse cross-section  
1-27 of public transportation providers and may be employed by a transit  
1-28 provider or organization representing transit providers;

1-29 (2) one member who represents a diverse cross-section  
1-30 of transportation users and may not be employed by a transit  
1-31 provider or organization representing transit providers; and

1-32 (3) one member who represents the general public and  
1-33 who may be on the staff of a metropolitan planning organization or  
1-34 rural transportation planning organization but may not be employed  
1-35 by a transit provider or organization representing transit  
1-36 providers.

1-37 (c) Members serve for staggered terms of six years, with the  
1-38 terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered  
1-39 year. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same manner  
1-40 as the original appointment for that position [A member serves at  
1-41 the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member]. A member is  
1-42 not entitled to compensation for service on the committee but is  
1-43 entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses the member incurs  
1-44 in performing committee duties.

1-45 SECTION 2. (a) The terms of the public transportation  
1-46 advisory committee members serving on the effective date of this  
1-47 Act expire January 31, 2017.

1-48 (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
1-49 **455.004**(b), Transportation Code, apply only to a member of the  
1-50 public transportation advisory committee with a term beginning on  
1-51 or after the effective date of this Act. A member of the public  
1-52 transportation advisory committee with a term beginning before the  
1-53 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect  
1-54 immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in  
1-55 effect for that purpose.

1-56 (c) Notwithstanding the changes in law made by this Act, a  
1-57 member of the public transportation advisory committee with a term  
1-58 beginning before the effective date of this Act may be reappointed  
1-59 to the committee under Section **455.004**, Transportation Code.

1-60 (d) The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the  
1-61 house of representatives each shall appoint three members to the

2-1 committee, in accordance with Section 455.004, Transportation  
2-2 Code, as amended by this Act, for terms beginning February 1, 2017,  
2-3 with one member having a term expiring February 1, 2019, one member  
2-4 having a term expiring February 1, 2021, and one member having a  
2-5 term expiring February 1, 2023.

2-6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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