

SUBJECT: Changing the composition of the public transportation advisory committee

COMMITTEE: Transportation — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 10 ayes — Morrison, Martinez, Burkett, Y. Davis, Phillips, Pickett, Simmons, E. Thompson, S. Thompson, Wray

0 nays

3 absent — Goldman, Israel, Minjarez

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Transportation Code, sec. 455.004 establishes a public transportation advisory committee tasked with advising the Texas Transportation Commission on matters relating to public transit. Nine total members are appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the House speaker, who each appoint one representative from each of a cross-section of public transit providers, a cross-section of public transit users, and the general public.

DIGEST: CSHB 2993 would require the Texas Transportation Commission to appoint at least six members to the public transportation advisory committee, with at least two representatives from each of a cross-section of public transit providers, a cross-section of public transit users, and the general public. Representatives would serve at the pleasure of the commission.

The governor, lieutenant governor, and House speaker no longer would appoint members of the committee.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.