

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law prohibits a metropolitan transit authorities (MTA) from collecting a sales tax that includes telecommunications services unless it is approved by the majority of the members of the governing body of each municipality within the MTA service area. As proposed, S.B. 1705 restructures the approval process for MTA repeal of the local sales and use tax exemption for telecommunications services.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 322.109(d), Tax Code, to prohibit the governing board of a taxing entity created under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, from repealing the application of the exemption provided by Subsection (a) unless the repeal is first approved by a majority vote of a committee created under Section 451.061(d), Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.