

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the public transportation advisory committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (c) Members serve for staggered terms of six years, with the  
21 terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered  
22 year. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same manner  
23 as the original appointment for that position [~~A member serves at~~  
24 ~~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.

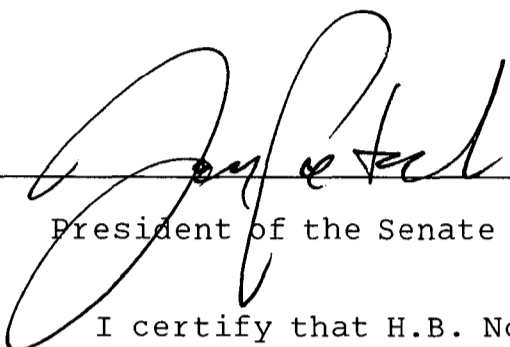
7 (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
8 455.004(b), Transportation Code, apply only to a member of the  
9 public transportation advisory committee with a term beginning on  
10 or after the effective date of this Act. A member of the public  
11 transportation advisory committee with 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.

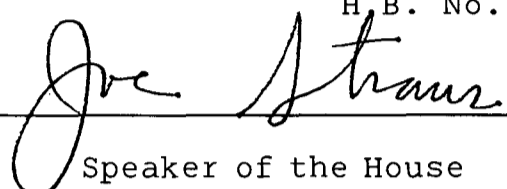
15 (c) Notwithstanding the changes in law made by this Act, a  
16 member of the public transportation advisory committee with a term  
17 beginning before the effective date of this Act may be reappointed  
18 to the committee under Section 455.004, Transportation Code.

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.

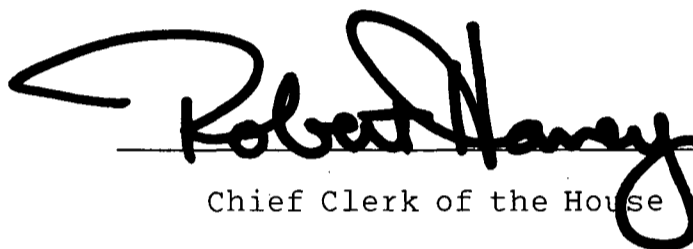
26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

H. B. No. 499

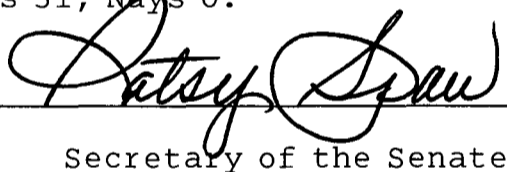
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 499 was passed by the House on May 4, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 499 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

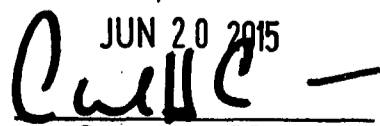
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Date

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Governor

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Secretary of State

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**  
**41-3423**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:


Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 499 as passed by the Eighty-Fourth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill 499 unnecessarily limits the field of candidates available for appointment to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House. The bill also guarantees committee members a term of six years, which eliminates the appointing officers' ability to replace members at any time for poor performance. The appointment limitations in House Bill 499 would impede the appointing officers' ability to provide effective committee members to serve Texas.

Since the Eighty-Fourth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 2015.

  
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GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

  
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CARLOS CASCOS  
Secretary of State

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 12, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB499** by Guillen (Relating to the public transportation advisory committee.), As  
**Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 4, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB499** by Guillen (Relating to the public transportation advisory committee.), As  
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