

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 179****2025 Regular Session****Marcelle**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/MASS TR: Provides relative to the board of commissioners for the Capital Area Transit System

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Requires that the union representative serving on the board be a retired union member.
2. Prohibits the union representative serving on the board from participating in any executive session involving personnel issues.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for the composition of the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System which is comprised of nine members if there are no participating parishes other than East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the membership from nine to 10. Provides that the additional member shall be the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 in Baton Rouge, La., or his designee. Further provides that the union representative shall be a retired union member and shall serve as a board member without voting privileges. Prohibits the union representative from participating in any executive sessions involving personnel issues.

Present law requires that the total number of commissioners not exceed 15 when a reapportionment is complete.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits the nonvoting representative of the union from being counted in the total number of seats during a reapportionment period.

Present law provides for the removal of a board member immediately if removed for cause, at which time the governing body of the appointing parish is to appoint a temporary replacement to the board immediately or within 14 days. Further provides that the temporary appointee is to remain on the board until a successor is appointed and qualified and is not eligible for reappointment for a term.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union to select a temporary replacement to the board upon removal of the union representative. Requires the replacement to be named immediately or within 14 days.

(Amends R.S. 48:1456(A), (B)(3), and (D))