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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 544 by Representative Boyd

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "(introductory paragraph) and before "and" insert a comma "," and  
3 (A)(1)(c),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 5, delete "powers and authority;" and insert "powers, authority, and  
6 membership of the board; to provide relative to the composition of the Regional Transit  
7 Authority Advisory Board; to authorize the audit of the Regional Transit Authority; to  
8 provide an effective date;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 9, after "(introductory paragraph)" and before "and (2)" insert a comma ","  
11 and "(A)(1)(c),"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

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15 "(c)(i) In the event the senators or representatives of that parish's legislative  
16 delegation fail to submit a list of names to the chief executive officer of that parish  
17 within thirty days of the date on which notice to submit such list of names is sent to  
18 the senators or representatives of that parish's legislative delegation, then the chief  
19 executive officer of that parish shall appoint such member as would have been  
20 authorized for the senators or representatives of that parish's legislative delegation.

21 (ii) If any participating parish opts out of the Regional Transit Authority  
22 after August 1, 2024, the mayor or governing authority shall have the power to  
23 appoint two new members to the board."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 5

25 On page 2, line 6, after "the" and before "parish" delete "council or"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 6

27 On page 2, line 9, after "commissioners." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 10  
28 in its entirety

29 AMENDMENT NO. 7

30 On page 3, delete lines 16 and 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

31 "(2) To ensure the advisory board can function effectively, the following  
32 powers and functions shall be vested in the board:

33 (a) Full and unrestricted access to all written information, documents, data  
34 which are before the Regional Transit Authority board of commissioners and its  
35 committees. However, this Subparagraph does not include items that are covered by  
36 the executive session proceedings.

37 (b) The power to request written briefings, presentation reports, and any  
38 other information as needed from the staff of the Regional Transit Authority in  
39 making informed decisions regarding the functions outlined in R.S. 48:1654(B).

1                   (c) The power to adopt formal recommendations regarding any such matter  
2                   which shall be presented on the record at commission meetings prior to a vote.  
3                   However, the advisory board shall not have the power to vote."

4    AMENDMENT NO. 8

5    On page 3, line 20, after "of" and before "persons" change "nine" to "eleven"

6    AMENDMENT NO. 9

7    On page 3, line 23, after "A" and before "member" insert "local" and after "Union" and  
8    before "appointed" insert "who works for the Regional Transit Authority"

9    AMENDMENT NO. 10

10   On page 3, line 25, after "from" and before "appointed" change "the Downtown  
11   Development District" to "Ride New Orleans"

12   AMENDMENT NO. 11

13   On page 3, at the end of line 26, after "executive" change "director" to "officer"

14   AMENDMENT NO. 12

15   On page 3, after line 29, insert the following:

16                   "(5) Two members appointed by the president of the Louisiana American  
17                   Federation of Labor and Congress of Louisiana Industrial Organizations.

18                   D. All appointed members of the board shall receive at least two hours of  
19                   transit-specific training in the duties, responsibilities, ethics and substance of the  
20                   positions held and two hours of training on labor and union relations best practices,  
21                   either before taking office or no later than one year after the office is assumed. All  
22                   training shall be formally approved by the board and ratified by each participating  
23                   parish or city legislative body.

24                   E. Any city or parish with appointments and representation on the Regional  
25                   Transit Authority board of commissioners shall have the authority to audit the  
26                   Regional Transit Authority or hire a third party to perform the audit. All records and  
27                   information requested in the audit shall be provided in an expedited manner by the  
28                   Regional Transit Authority. A city or parish council may levy fines on the Regional  
29                   Transit Authority.

30                   Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on August 1,  
31                   2024."