
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

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 9, after "(introductory paragraph)" and before "and (2)" insert "and (c)"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

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13 "(c)(i) In the event the senators or representatives of that parish's legislative
14 delegation fail to submit a list of names to the chief executive officer of that parish
15 within thirty days of the date on which notice to submit such list of names is sent to
16 the senators or representatives of that parish's legislative delegation, then the chief
17 executive officer of that parish shall appoint such member as would have been
18 authorized for the senators or representatives of that parish's legislative delegation.
19 (ii) If any participating parish opts out of the Regional Transit Authority
20 after August 1, 2024, the mayor or governing authority shall have the power to
21 appoint two new members to the board."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 5

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

24 AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

27 AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

29 "(2) To ensure the advisory board can function effectively, the following
30 powers and functions shall be vested in the board:
31 (a) Full and unrestricted access to all written information, documents, data
32 which are before the Regional Transit Authority board of commissioners and its
33 committees. However, this Subparagraph does not include items that are covered by
34 the executive session proceedings.
35 (b) The power to request written briefings, presentation reports, and any
36 other information as needed from the staff of the Regional Transit Authority in
37 making informed decisions regarding the functions outlined in R.S. 48:1654(B).
38 (c) The power to adopt formal recommendations regarding any such matter
39 which shall be presented on the record at commission meetings prior to a vote.
40 However, the advisory board shall not have the power to vote."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

3 AMENDMENT NO. 9

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

6 AMENDMENT NO. 10

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

9 AMENDMENT NO. 11

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

11 AMENDMENT NO. 12

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

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

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

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

27 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on August 1,
28 2024."