

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 179

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1456(A), (B)(3), and (D), relative to the membership of the  
3 board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System; to add a member of the  
4 Amalgamated Transit Union to the board; to provide for voting privileges; to provide  
5 for the removal of board members; to provide for a temporary replacement if the  
6 union representative is removed; to prohibit the union representative from being  
7 counted in the total number of seats during a reapportionment period; and to provide  
8 for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
11 Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 48:1456(A), (B)(3), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
14 read as follows:

15 §1456. Board of commissioners

16 A.(1) If there are no participating parishes other than East Baton Rouge  
17 Parish, the system shall be governed by a board of commissioners comprised of ~~nine~~  
18 ten members, with one member being a representative of the Amalgamated Transit  
19 Union.

(2) The member from the Amalgamated Transit Union shall be the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana or his designee. The union representative shall serve as a member of the board without voting privileges.

B.

\* \* \*

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the total number of commissioners shall not exceed fifteen when a reapportionment, as provided for in Paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Subsection, is complete.

(b) The nonvoting union representative shall not be counted in the total  
number of seats during a reapportionment period.

\* \* \*

D. Notwithstanding the expiration of their terms, members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless removed for cause, which removal shall take immediate effect. The governing authority of the appointing parish shall appoint a temporary replacement to the board immediately upon removal or within fourteen days. However, if the member who is removed is the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 representative, then the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union shall appoint the temporary replacement immediately or within fourteen days. The temporary appointee shall remain on the board until a successor is appointed and qualified. A temporary appointee is not eligible for reappointment for a term. All other appointed members are eligible for reappointment.

\* \* \*

---

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 179 Original

2025 Regular Session

Marcelle

**Abstract:** Adds the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 in Baton Rouge, La., to the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System.

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. Further requires that the additional member be the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 in Baton Rouge, La., or his designee.

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))