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By Representative Cooper.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the membership of the transportation improvement
2 board; amending RCW 47.26.121; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.26.121 and 1990 c 266 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created a transportation improvement board of
8 (~~fifteen~~) seventeen members, six of whom shall be county members and
9 six of whom shall be city members. The remaining members shall be:

10 (a) The assistant secretary of the department of transportation whose
11 primary responsibilities relate to planning and public transportation;

12 (b) the assistant secretary for highways of the department of
13 transportation; (~~and~~) (c) the state aid engineer of the department

14 of transportation; (d) a representative of a public transit system; and

15 (e) a private sector representative.

1 (2) Of the county members of the board, one member shall be a
2 county engineer or planning director from a county of the first class
3 or larger; one member shall be a county engineer or planning director
4 from a county of the second class or smaller; one member shall be the
5 executive director of the county road administration board, created by
6 RCW 36.78.060; two members shall be county executives, council members,
7 or commissioners from counties of the first class or larger; one member
8 shall be a county executive, council member, or commissioner from a
9 county of the second class or smaller. All county members of the
10 board, except the executive director of the county road administration
11 board, shall be appointed. Not more than one county member of the
12 board shall be from any one county. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, the term "county engineer" (~~shall~~) means the director of
14 public works in any county in which such a position exists. The term
15 "planning director" means the person with responsibility for
16 transportation or land use planning activities, or both.

17 (3) Of the city members of the board two shall be chief city
18 engineers, public works directors, planning directors, or other city
19 employees with responsibility for public works, transportation, or land
20 use activities, of cities over twenty thousand population; one shall be
21 a chief city engineer, public works director, planning director, or
22 other city employee with responsibility for public works,
23 transportation, or land use activities, of a city of less than twenty
24 thousand population; two shall be mayors, commissioners, or city
25 council members of cities of more than twenty thousand population; and
26 one shall be a mayor, commissioner, or council member of a city of less
27 than twenty thousand population. All of the city members shall be
28 appointed. Not more than one city member of the board shall be from
29 any one city.

1 (4) The transit member shall be a general manager, executive
2 director, or transit director of a city-owned transit system, county
3 transportation authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, or public
4 transportation benefit area.

5 (5) Appointments of county ~~((and))~~, city, transit, and private
6 sector representatives shall be made by the ~~((secretary of the~~
7 ~~department of transportation))~~ governor, effective with ((initial))
8 appointments to be made by July 1, ~~((1988))~~ 1991. Appointees shall be
9 chosen from a list of two persons for each position nominated by the
10 Washington state association of counties for county members ~~((and))~~,
11 the association of Washington cities for city members, and the
12 Washington state transit association for the transit member. ~~((Except~~
13 ~~as provided in subsection (5) of this section, terms of appointment are~~
14 ~~four years.))~~ In the case of a vacancy, the appointment shall be only
15 for the remainder of the unexpired term in which the vacancy has
16 occurred. A vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred on the board when
17 any member elected to public office completes that term of office or is
18 removed therefrom for any reason or when any member employed by a
19 political subdivision terminates such employment for whatsoever reason.

20 ~~((5) The initial appointment to the board for three county~~
21 ~~representatives and three city representatives shall be for terms of~~
22 ~~two years and the remainder of the))~~ (6) Appointments shall be for
23 terms of four years. Terms of all appointed members shall expire on
24 June 30th of even-numbered years.

25 ~~((6))~~ (7) The board shall elect a chair from among its members
26 for a two-year term.

27 ~~((7))~~ (8) Expenses of the board, including administration of the
28 transportation improvement program, shall be paid from the urban
29 arterial account.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect July 1, 1991.