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By Representative Fisher

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1 AN ACT Relating to weighted voting on public transportation benefit
2 area boards; and amending RCW 36.57A.050 and 36.57A.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.57A.050 and 1998 c 121 s 15 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Within sixty days of the establishment of the boundaries of the
7 public transportation benefit area the members of the county
8 legislative authority and the elected representative of each city
9 within the area shall provide for the selection of the governing body
10 of such area, the public transportation benefit area authority, which
11 shall consist of elected officials selected by and serving at the
12 pleasure of the governing bodies of component cities within the area
13 and the county legislative authority of each county within the area.
14 Evidence of appropriate action by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise,
15 pursuant to the law of the legislative bodies of the component county,
16 or counties if the area includes portions of more than one county, or
17 cities must be submitted to the public transportation benefit area
18 authority before the selected representative or elected official may
19 serve. If at the time a public transportation benefit area authority

1 assumes the public transportation functions previously provided under
2 the Interlocal Cooperation Act (chapter 39.34 RCW) there are citizen
3 positions on the governing board of the transit system, those positions
4 may be retained as positions on the governing board of the public
5 transportation benefit area authority.

6 Within such sixty-day period, any city may by resolution of its
7 legislative body withdraw from participation in the public
8 transportation benefit area. The county legislative authority and each
9 city remaining in the public transportation benefit area may disapprove
10 and prevent the establishment of any governing body of a public
11 transportation benefit area if the composition thereof does not meet
12 its approval.

13 In no case shall the governing body of a single county public
14 transportation benefit area be greater than nine members and in the
15 case of a multicounty area, fifteen members. Those cities within the
16 transportation benefit area and excluded from direct membership on the
17 authority are hereby authorized to designate a member of the authority
18 who shall be entitled to represent the interests of such city which is
19 excluded from direct membership on the authority. The legislative body
20 of such city shall notify the authority as to the determination of its
21 authorized representative on the authority.

22 Each member of the authority is eligible to be reimbursed for
23 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to
24 receive compensation, as set by the authority, in an amount not to
25 exceed forty-four dollars for each day during which the member attends
26 official meetings of the authority or performs prescribed duties
27 approved by the chairman of the authority. Except that the authority
28 may, by resolution, increase the payment of per diem compensation to
29 each member from forty-four dollars up to seventy dollars per day or
30 portion of a day for attendance at board meetings and for performance
31 of other services on behalf of the authority. In no event may a member
32 be compensated in any year for more than seventy-five days, except the
33 chairman who may be paid compensation for not more than one hundred
34 days: PROVIDED, That compensation shall not be paid to an elected
35 official or employee of federal, state, or local government who is
36 receiving regular full-time compensation from such government for
37 attending meetings and performing prescribed duties of the authority.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.57A.055 and 1991 c 318 s 16 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 After a public transportation benefit area has been in existence
4 for four years, members of the county legislative authority and the
5 elected representative of each city within the boundaries of the public
6 transportation benefit area shall review the composition of the
7 governing body of the benefit area and change the composition of the
8 governing body if the change is deemed appropriate. The votes of the
9 designated representatives of the component county, or counties if the
10 area includes portions of more than one county, and each of the cities
11 are to be weighted, based upon the determination of population filed
12 with the secretary of state by the office of financial management the
13 July 1st before the review meeting. The population of only the
14 unincorporated portion of the county is to be considered for purposes
15 of weighting the voting of the county representatives. Evidence of
16 appropriate action by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise, pursuant to
17 the law of the legislative bodies of the component county, or counties
18 if the area includes portions of more than one county, or cities must
19 be submitted to the public transportation benefit area authority before
20 the designated representative or elected official may serve. The
21 review shall be at a meeting of the designated representatives of the
22 component county and cities, and the majority of those present shall
23 constitute a quorum at such meeting. Twenty days notice of the meeting
24 shall be given by the chief administrative officer of the public
25 transportation benefit area authority. After the initial review, a
26 review shall be held every four years.

27 If an area having a population greater than fifteen percent, or
28 areas with a combined population of greater than twenty-five percent of
29 the population of the existing public transportation benefit area as
30 constituted at the last review meeting, annex to the public
31 transportation benefit area, or if an area is added under RCW
32 36.57A.140(2), the representatives of the component county and cities
33 shall meet within ninety days to review and change the composition of
34 the governing body, if the change is deemed appropriate. This meeting
35 is in addition to the regular four-year review meeting and shall be
36 conducted pursuant to the same notice requirement and quorum provisions
37 of the regular review.

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