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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transit authority board appointments;
2 and amending RCW 81.112.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.112.040 and 1992 c 101 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The regional transit authority shall be governed by a board
7 consisting of representatives appointed by the county executive and
8 confirmed by the council or other legislative authority of each member
9 county. Membership shall be based on population from that portion of
10 each county which lies within the service area. Board members shall be
11 appointed initially on the basis of one for each one hundred forty-five
12 thousand population within the county. Such appointments shall be made
13 following consultation with city and town jurisdictions within the
14 service area. In addition, the secretary of transportation or the
15 secretary's designee shall serve as a member of the board and may have
16 voting status with approval of a majority of the other members of the
17 board. Only board members, not including alternates or designees, may
18 cast votes.

1 Each member of the board, except the secretary of transportation or
2 the secretary's designee, shall be:

3 (a) An elected official who serves on the legislative authority of
4 ((or as mayor of)) a city or as mayor of a city within the boundaries
5 of the authority((, or));

6 (b) On the legislative authority of the county ((and)), if fifty
7 percent of the population of ((whose)) the legislative official's
8 district is within the authority boundaries; or

9 (c) A county executive from a member county within the authority
10 boundaries.

11 When making appointments, each county executive shall ensure that
12 representation on the board includes an elected city official
13 representing the largest city in each county and assures proportional
14 representation from other cities, and representation from unincorporated
15 areas of each county within the service area. At least one-half
16 of all appointees from each county shall serve on the governing
17 authority of a public transportation system.

18 Members appointed from each county shall serve staggered four-year
19 terms. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of
20 the unexpired term of the position being vacated.

21 The governing board shall be reconstituted, with regard to the
22 number of representatives from each county, on a population basis,
23 using the official office of financial management population estimates,
24 five years after its initial formation and, at minimum, in the year
25 following each official federal census. The board membership may be
26 reduced, maintained, or expanded to reflect population changes but
27 under no circumstances may the board membership exceed twenty-five.

28 (2) Major decisions of the authority shall require a favorable vote
29 of two-thirds of the entire membership of the voting members. "Major
30 decisions" include at least the following: System plan adoption and
31 amendment; system phasing decisions; annual budget adoption;
32 authorization of annexations; modification of board composition; and
33 executive director employment.

34 (3) Each member of the board is eligible to be reimbursed for
35 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to
36 receive compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.250.

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