

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 251

Introduced by Assembly Member Knight

February 10, 2009

An act to amend Section 130051 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 251, as introduced, Knight. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Existing law creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority with specified powers and duties relative to transportation planning, programming, and operations in Los Angeles County. The authority is governed by a 14-member board of directors, including the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, 2 public members and one Los Angeles city council member appointed by the mayor, 4 members appointed from the other cities in the county, the 5 members of the board of supervisors, and a nonvoting member appointed by the Governor.

This bill would provide for the appointment of one member by the city councils of the Cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, and Santa Clarita, as specified, and would delete one of the public members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. The bill would also exclude the Cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, and Santa Clarita from the selection of the 4 members appointed from other cities in the county,

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 130051 of the Public Utilities Code is
 2 amended to read:

3 130051. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation
 4 Authority consists of 14 members, as follows:

5 (a) Five members of the Los Angeles County Board of
 6 Supervisors.

7 If the number of members of the Los Angeles County Board of
 8 Supervisors is increased, the authority shall, within 60 days of the
 9 increase, submit a plan to the Legislature for revising the
 10 composition of the authority.

11 (b) The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

12 (c) ~~Two~~ *One* public ~~members~~ *member* and one member of the
 13 City Council of the City of Los Angeles appointed by the Mayor
 14 of the City of Los Angeles.

15 (d) *One member jointly appointed by the city councils of the*
 16 *Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa Clarita. The member*
 17 *shall be a mayor or a member of the city council of one of those*
 18 *cities, and shall serve a one-year term on a three-year rotating*
 19 *cycle. For years two and three of the cycle, the member shall be*
 20 *jointly appointed in the same manner from one of the other two*
 21 *cities that has not yet had an elected representative serve as the*
 22 *member during the same cycle. Thereafter, the three-year cycle*
 23 *shall be repeated in the same order. Upon the initial appointment*
 24 *of a member pursuant to this subdivision, the position of one of*
 25 *the public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (c), as it*
 26 *read prior to enactment of the act amending this section the first*
 27 *year of the 2009–10 Regular Session, as determined by the Mayor*
 28 *of the City of Los Angeles by lot, shall be vacated.*

29 ~~(d)~~

30 (e) Four members, each of whom shall be a mayor or a member
 31 of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles County City
 32 Selection Committee. For purposes of the selection of these four
 33 members, the County of Los Angeles, excluding the City of Los
 34 Angeles *and the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa Clarita,*
 35 shall be divided into the following four sectors:

- 36 (1) ~~The North County/San~~ *San* Fernando Valley sector.
- 37 (2) The Southwest Corridor sector.
- 38 (3) The San Gabriel Valley sector.

1 (4) The Southeast Long Beach sector.
2 The League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division,
3 shall define the sectors. Every city within a sector shall be entitled
4 to vote to nominate one or more candidates from that sector for
5 consideration for appointment by the Los Angeles County City
6 Selection Committee. A city's vote shall be weighted in the same
7 proportion that its population bears to the total population of all
8 cities within the sector.

9 The members appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be
10 appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee
11 upon an affirmative vote of its members which represent a majority
12 of the population of all cities within the county, excluding the City
13 of Los Angeles *and the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa*
14 *Clarita.*

15 The members selected by the city selection committee shall serve
16 four-year terms with no limitation on the number of terms that
17 may be served by any individual. The city selection committee
18 may shorten the initial four-year term for one or more of the
19 members for the purpose of ensuring that the members will serve
20 staggered terms.

21 ~~(e)~~

22 *(f)* If the population of the City of Los Angeles, at any time,
23 becomes less than 35 percent of the combined population of all
24 cities in the county, the position of one of the two ~~public~~ members
25 appointed pursuant to subdivision (c), as determined by the Mayor
26 of the City of Los Angeles by lot, shall be vacated, and the vacant
27 position shall be filled by appointment by the city selection
28 committee pursuant to subdivision ~~(d)~~ *(e)* from a city not
29 represented by any other member appointed pursuant to subdivision
30 ~~(d)~~ *(e)*.

31 ~~(f)~~

32 *(g)* One nonvoting member appointed by the Governor.

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