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Introduced 2/4/2026, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Transit Innovation, Integration, and Reform Act. Provides that the member appointed to the Committee to represent individuals with disabilities shall either be an individual with a disability or an individual who has demonstrated experience advocating for and advancing the accessibility and transportation needs of individuals with disabilities. Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that one of the members of the Board of the Chicago Transit Authority shall be a person with a disability who lives within the Authority's service area and uses the services provided by the Authority. Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that one of the Directors of the Board of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority shall be a person with a disability with expertise in transportation and shall be appointed with the advice and recommendation of a disability advocacy organization serving the Metropolitan Region. Provides that one of the directors of the Suburban Bus Board shall be the Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (rather than appointed by the Mayor of Chicago). Provides that one of the directors of the Commuter Rail Board shall be a person with a disability who uses the services provided by the Commuter Rail Division and appointed with the advice and recommendation of a disability advocacy organization serving the Metropolitan Region. Provides that the Chicago Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Commuter Rail Board shall each establish and maintain an ADA Advisory Committee to advise the Chicago Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus Board, or the Commuter Rail Board on accessibility and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as it relates to fixed route and paratransit service.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Interagency Coordinating Committee on
5 Transit Innovation, Integration, and Reform Act is amended by
6 changing Section 2-15 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 4140/2-15)

8 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
9 delayed effective date)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2035)

11 Sec. 2-15. Committee membership. The Committee shall
12 include the following members, appointed by the Secretary:

13 (1) one member representing rural public transit
14 providers operating outside of the Northern Illinois
15 Transit Authority service area;

16 (2) one member representing small urban public transit
17 providers operating outside of the Northern Illinois
18 Transit Authority service area;

19 (3) two members representing regional public transit
20 providers operating outside of the Northern Illinois
21 Transit Authority service area;

22 (4) one member representing intercity rail providers;

23 (5) one member representing intercity bus providers;

1 (6) one member representing statewide or regional
2 business organizations with interests in transportation,
3 workforce development, or economic growth;

4 (7) one member representing an Illinois university
5 that generates significant ridership for the transit
6 system or intercity bus and rail systems near the
7 university's facilities;

8 (8) one member representing individuals with
9 disabilities, who is an individual with a disability or
10 has demonstrated experience advocating for and advancing
11 the accessibility and transportation needs of individuals
12 with disabilities;

13 (9) one member representing a labor organization that
14 represents workers employed by downstate transit systems,
15 intercity bus providers, or intercity rail providers;

16 (10) one member representing large urban transit
17 agencies;

18 (11) one or more members representing the Department
19 that are involved in transit grant administration, project
20 implementation, or procurement;

21 (12) additional representatives as determined
22 necessary by the Secretary to ensure subject-matter
23 expertise, community representation, and geographic
24 diversity; and

25 (13) one member who shall serve as chair of the
26 Committee.

1 The members shall serve without compensation but may be
2 reimbursed for necessary expenses associated with service on
3 the Committee.

4 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

5 Section 10. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
6 amended by changing Sections 7 and 19.5 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 3605/7) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 307)

8 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

9 Sec. 7. The Authority shall have power to acquire by
10 purchase, condemnation, lease, gift or otherwise all or any
11 part of the plant, equipment, property, rights in property,
12 reserve funds, employees' pension or retirement funds, special
13 funds, franchises, licenses, patents, permits and papers,
14 documents and records belonging to any public utility
15 operating a transportation system within the metropolitan area
16 of Cook County, together with all or any part of the right of
17 way, equipment, fixed facilities and other property of any
18 kind of any such utility extending beyond the boundaries of
19 the metropolitan area of Cook County and forming part of an
20 integrated suburban rapid transit, rail transportation
21 facility or motor bus operation connecting with rapid transit
22 or electric railway lines in super highways of the Authority
23 or leading to the unification and integration of a unified
24 rapid transit, rail, and motor bus operation in and about the

1 metropolitan area of Cook County. Such properties upon
2 acquisition by or lease to the Authority shall become and be
3 operated as part of the transportation system of the Authority
4 and the Authority shall have all powers in connection with
5 such properties and such operations as are conferred by this
6 Act with respect to the transportation system of the Authority
7 located within the metropolitan area of Cook County. The
8 Authority shall also have the power to enter into agreements
9 to operate any such lines extending beyond the boundaries of
10 the metropolitan area; such agreements to be subject to all
11 other provisions of this Act. The Authority shall have power
12 to contract for or lease for operation and maintenance by the
13 Authority, any municipally owned local transportation subways
14 or other municipally owned local transportation facilities or
15 the facilities of any common carrier or the facilities of any
16 local Mass Transit District, organized under the "Local Mass
17 Transit Act", approved July 21, 1959, as heretofore and
18 hereafter amended, whether such subways or facilities are
19 within or without the metropolitan area of Cook County. The
20 Authority shall have the power to contract with any local Mass
21 Transit District, organized under the "Local Mass Transit
22 Act", approved July 21, 1959, as heretofore and hereafter
23 amended, or with any common carrier for the construction and
24 operation of a transportation system, whether such
25 transportation system is within or without the metropolitan
26 area of Cook County. However, the Authority shall not have

1 power to operate a motor bus facility, the major part of which
2 is used for local transportation of passengers in any city,
3 village or incorporated town, unless and until the Authority
4 shall have secured the right to operate motor buses in such
5 municipality for local transportation of passengers in the
6 manner stated in Section 11 of this Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 76-1548.)

8 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

9 Sec. 7. General powers.

10 (a) The Board of the Authority shall:

11 (1) oversee the operations and management of the
12 Authority;

13 (2) convey the Northern Illinois Transit Authority's
14 goals, priorities, and requirements to the Authority; and

15 (3) convey information, concerns, and recommendations
16 from the Authority to the Executive Director and Board of
17 the Northern Illinois Transit Authority.

18 (b) The Board shall manage the debt that was issued and
19 outstanding by the Authority and ensure that the obligations
20 owed to bondholders are fulfilled.

21 (c) The Board may not issue new debt, except for:

22 (1) debt or other financial instruments designed to
23 refinance or retire debt that was issued and outstanding
24 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
25 General Assembly;

1 (2) debt or other financial instruments in the
2 amounts, terms and conditions, and other requirements
3 provided for in the Full Funding Grant Agreement in the
4 form in which it was executed on January 10, 2025, and in
5 effect on the date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
6 General Assembly (Project ID No. IL-2025-001-00), commonly
7 known as the Red Line Extension Project, and to refinance
8 or retire debt that was issued pursuant to the Full
9 Funding Grant Agreement in the form in which it was
10 executed on January 10, 2025; and

11 (3) debt or other financial instruments in the
12 amounts, terms and conditions, and other requirements
13 provided for in the Full Funding Grant Agreement in the
14 form in which it was executed on January 9, 2017, and in
15 effect on the date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
16 General Assembly (Project ID No. IL-2017-002-00), commonly
17 known as the Red and Purple Modernization Phase One
18 Project, and to refinance or retire debt that was issued
19 pursuant to the Full Funding Grant Agreement in the form
20 in which it was executed on January 9, 2017.

21 The Authority shall receive revenues sufficient to satisfy
22 the financial obligation of the above instruments under the
23 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act.

24 All material changes in the amount, terms and conditions,
25 or other requirements of the projects covered by the Full
26 Funding Agreements in paragraphs (2) and (3) and occurring

1 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
2 General Assembly are subject to the review and approval of the
3 Board of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority. The
4 Authority shall cooperate with the Northern Illinois Transit
5 Authority on the use of alternative issuers of debt or other
6 financial instruments or other efforts by the Northern
7 Illinois Transit Authority to reduce the debt expense of the
8 above-referenced projects, including pursuit of additional
9 funding sources. The authorization provided in paragraphs (2)
10 and (3) of this subsection shall expire on December 31, 2032.

11 (d) In addition to any powers provided in this Act, the
12 Authority shall have all of the powers specified in Section
13 2.20 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act, except
14 that the powers specified in paragraph (v) of subsection (a)
15 of Section 2.20 must be delegated to the Authority by the Board
16 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority.

17 (e) The Board shall also have the power to:

18 (1) cooperate with the Northern Illinois Transit
19 Authority in the exercise by the Northern Illinois Transit
20 Authority of all the powers granted to the Northern
21 Illinois Transit Authority by the Northern Illinois
22 Transit Authority Act;

23 (2) receive funds from the Northern Illinois Transit
24 Authority under Sections 2.02, 4.01, 4.02, 4.09, and 4.10
25 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act, as
26 provided in the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act;

1 (3) receive financial grants from the Northern
2 Illinois Transit Authority;

3 (4) adopt ordinances and rules to regulate the use,
4 operation, and maintenance of its property and facilities;
5 and

6 (5) carry into effect the powers granted to the
7 Authority, with any necessary fines or penalties, such as
8 the suspension of riding privileges or confiscation of
9 fare media under Section 2.40 of the Northern Illinois
10 Transit Authority Act, as the Board deems proper.

11 (f) The Authority shall use powers delegated to it by the
12 Northern Illinois Transit Authority to oversee the delivery of
13 public transportation in the metropolitan region, provided
14 that the Northern Illinois Transit Authority shall retain
15 primary responsibility for setting fares, service standards,
16 schedules, and coordinated fare collection so that the public
17 transportation system in the metropolitan region operates on a
18 one-network, one-timetable, one-ticket model for transit
19 users.

20 (g) The Authority shall establish and maintain an ADA
21 Advisory Committee to advise the Authority on accessibility
22 and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of
23 1990 as it relates to fixed route and paratransit service.

24 (1) The ADA Advisory Committee shall include:

25 (A) members representing riders with disabilities;

26 and

1 (B) members representing organizations serving
2 individuals with disabilities.

3 (2) The ADA Advisory Committee shall meet no less than
4 quarterly.

5 (3) The ADA Advisory Committee shall present a
6 quarterly report on accessibility to the Authority.

7 (4) The ADA Advisory Committee shall present an annual
8 report on accessibility to the Northern Illinois Transit
9 Authority.

10 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

11 (70 ILCS 3605/19.5)

12 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
13 delayed effective date)

14 Sec. 19.5. Chicago Transit Board.

15 (a) The governing body of the Chicago Transit Authority
16 shall be the Chicago Transit Board. Beginning September 1,
17 2026, the Board shall consist of 7 members appointed as
18 follows:

19 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor, with the
20 advice and consent of the Senate, including:

21 (A) a member with an initial term of 5 years who
22 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois
23 Transit Authority; and

24 (B) a member with an initial term of 3 years.

25 (2) Three members appointed by the Mayor of Chicago,

1 with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City
2 of Chicago, including:

3 (A) a member with an initial term of 3 years who
4 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois
5 Transit Authority;

6 (B) a member with an initial term of 5 years; and

7 (C) a member with an initial term of 3 years.

8 (3) Two members appointed by the President of the Cook
9 County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent
10 of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including:

11 (A) a member with an initial term of 3 years who
12 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois
13 Transit Authority; and

14 (B) a member with an initial term of 5 years.

15 (b) The subsequent terms of each director appointed under
16 subsection (a) shall be 5 years.

17 (c) The Chair of the Board shall be elected by a majority
18 vote by the members of the Board from among the members of the
19 Board. Until September 1, 2030, the Chair of the Board must be
20 approved by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the
21 members of the Board elect a Chair of the Board, then the
22 elected Chair of the Board may serve as ~~a~~ the acting Chair of
23 the Board until confirmation. Until September 1, 2030, if the
24 Senate votes against confirming the acting Chair of the Board,
25 then the acting Chair of the Board must resign and the members
26 of the Board must elect a new Chair of the Board.

1 (d) Initial appointments of members under subsection (a)
2 must be made in time for the members to begin their terms on
3 September 1, 2026.

4 (e) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all members serving
5 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
6 General Assembly, and of any members appointed to fill a
7 vacancy, shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board
8 occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be
9 filled under Section 21. Members serving on the effective date
10 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may be
11 reappointed under subsection (a).

12 (f) The members of the Board shall receive an annual
13 salary of \$15,000, except that members of the Board who are
14 also members of the Board of the Northern Illinois Transit
15 Authority shall receive \$5,000 per year in addition to the
16 compensation the members receive for serving on the Board of
17 the Northern Illinois Transit Authority.

18 (g) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant
19 experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,
20 operation, and funding of a regional transportation system,
21 including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and
22 regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor
23 and workforce development, business management, public
24 administration, transportation, and community organizations.

25 (h) Those responsible for appointing Directors shall
26 strive to assemble a set of Directors that, to the greatest

1 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,
2 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

3 (i) One of the members appointed under paragraph (2) of
4 subsection (a) shall be a person with a disability who lives
5 within the Authority's service area and uses the services
6 provided by the Authority.

7 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

8 Section 15. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
9 amended by changing Sections 2.30, 3.01, 3A.02, 3A.09,
10 3B.02.5, 7.03, and 7.04 and by adding Section 3B.09d as
11 follows:

12 (70 ILCS 3615/2.30)

13 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

14 Sec. 2.30. Paratransit services.

15 (a) For purposes of this Act, "ADA paratransit services"
16 shall mean those comparable or specialized transportation
17 services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service
18 contracts of, the Service Boards to individuals with
19 disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation
20 systems and who are determined to be eligible, for some or all
21 of their trips, for such services under the Americans with
22 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.

23 (b) Beginning July 1, 2005, the Authority is responsible
24 for the funding, from amounts on deposit in the ADA

1 Paratransit Fund established under Section 2.01d of this Act,
2 financial review and oversight of all ADA paratransit services
3 that are provided by the Authority or by any of the Service
4 Boards. The Suburban Bus Board shall operate or provide for
5 the operation of all ADA paratransit services by no later than
6 July 1, 2006, except that this date may be extended to the
7 extent necessary to obtain approval from the Federal Transit
8 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to subsection
9 (c).

10 (c) No later than January 1, 2006, the Authority, in
11 collaboration with the Suburban Bus Board and the Chicago
12 Transit Authority, shall develop a plan for the provision of
13 ADA paratransit services and submit such plan to the Federal
14 Transit Administration for approval. Approval of such plan by
15 the Authority shall require the affirmative votes of 12 of the
16 then Directors. The Suburban Bus Board, the Chicago Transit
17 Authority and the Authority shall comply with the requirements
18 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its
19 implementing regulations in developing and approving such plan
20 including, without limitation, consulting with individuals
21 with disabilities and groups representing them in the
22 community, and providing adequate opportunity for public
23 comment and public hearings. The plan shall include the
24 contents required for a paratransit plan pursuant to the
25 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing
26 regulations. The plan shall also include, without limitation,

1 provisions to:

2 (1) maintain, at a minimum, the levels of ADA
3 paratransit service that are required to be provided by
4 the Service Boards pursuant to the Americans with
5 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations;

6 (2) transfer the appropriate ADA paratransit services,
7 management, personnel, service contracts and assets from
8 the Chicago Transit Authority to the Authority or the
9 Suburban Bus Board, as necessary, by no later than July 1,
10 2006, except that this date may be extended to the extent
11 necessary to obtain approval from the Federal Transit
12 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to this
13 subsection (c);

14 (3) provide for consistent policies throughout the
15 metropolitan region for scheduling of ADA paratransit
16 service trips to and from destinations, with consideration
17 of scheduling of return trips on a "will-call" open-ended
18 basis upon request of the rider, if practicable, and with
19 consideration of an increased number of trips available by
20 subscription service than are available as of the
21 effective date of this amendatory Act;

22 (4) provide that service contracts and rates, entered
23 into or set after the approval by the Federal Transit
24 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to subsection
25 (c) of this Section, with private carriers and taxicabs
26 for ADA paratransit service are procured by means of an

1 open procurement process;

2 (5) provide for fares, fare collection and billing
3 procedures for ADA paratransit services throughout the
4 metropolitan region;

5 (6) provide for performance standards for all ADA
6 paratransit service transportation carriers, with
7 consideration of door-to-door service;

8 (7) provide, in cooperation with the Illinois
9 Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of
10 Public Aid and other appropriate public agencies and
11 private entities, for the application and receipt of
12 grants, including, without limitation, reimbursement from
13 Medicaid or other programs for ADA paratransit services;

14 (8) provide for a system of dispatch of ADA
15 paratransit services transportation carriers throughout
16 the metropolitan region, with consideration of
17 county-based dispatch systems already in place as of the
18 effective date of this amendatory Act;

19 (9) provide for a process of determining eligibility
20 for ADA paratransit services that complies with the
21 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its
22 implementing regulations;

23 (10) provide for consideration of innovative methods
24 to provide and fund ADA paratransit services; and

25 (11) provide for the creation of one or more ADA
26 advisory boards, or the reconstitution of the existing ADA

1 advisory boards for the Service Boards, to represent the
2 diversity of individuals with disabilities in the
3 metropolitan region and to provide appropriate ongoing
4 input from individuals with disabilities into the
5 operation of ADA paratransit services.

6 (d) All revisions and annual updates to the ADA
7 paratransit services plan developed pursuant to subsection (c)
8 of this Section, or certifications of continued compliance in
9 lieu of plan updates, that are required to be provided to the
10 Federal Transit Administration shall be developed by the
11 Authority, in collaboration with the Suburban Bus Board and
12 the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Authority shall submit
13 such revision, update or certification to the Federal Transit
14 Administration for approval. Approval of such revisions,
15 updates or certifications by the Authority shall require the
16 affirmative votes of 12 of the then Directors.

17 (e) The Illinois Department of Transportation, the
18 Illinois Department of Public Aid, the Authority, the Suburban
19 Bus Board and the Chicago Transit Authority shall enter into
20 intergovernmental agreements as may be necessary to provide
21 funding and accountability for, and implementation of, the
22 requirements of this Section.

23 (f) By no later than April 1, 2007, the Authority shall
24 develop and submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a
25 funding plan for ADA paratransit services. Approval of such
26 plan by the Authority shall require the affirmative votes of

1 12 of the then Directors. The funding plan shall, at a minimum,
2 contain an analysis of the current costs of providing ADA
3 paratransit services, projections of the long-term costs of
4 providing ADA paratransit services, identification of and
5 recommendations for possible cost efficiencies in providing
6 ADA paratransit services, and identification of and
7 recommendations for possible funding sources for providing ADA
8 paratransit services. The Illinois Department of
9 Transportation, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, the
10 Suburban Bus Board, the Chicago Transit Authority and other
11 State and local public agencies as appropriate shall cooperate
12 with the Authority in the preparation of such funding plan.

13 (g) Any funds derived from the federal Medicaid program
14 for reimbursement of the costs of providing ADA paratransit
15 services within the metropolitan region shall be directed to
16 the Authority and shall be used to pay for or reimburse the
17 costs of providing such services.

18 (h) Nothing in this amendatory Act shall be construed to
19 conflict with the requirements of the Americans with
20 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-370, eff. 7-29-05; 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

22 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

23 Sec. 2.30. Paratransit services.

24 (a) For purposes of this Act, "ADA paratransit services"
25 shall mean those comparable or specialized transportation

1 services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service
2 contracts of, the Service Boards to individuals with
3 disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation
4 systems and who are determined to be eligible, for some or all
5 of their trips, for such services under the Americans with
6 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.

7 (b) Beginning July 1, 2005, the Authority is responsible
8 for the funding, from amounts on deposit in the ADA
9 Paratransit Fund established under Section 2.01d of this Act,
10 financial review and oversight of all ADA paratransit services
11 that are provided by the Authority or by any of the Service
12 Boards. The Suburban Bus Board shall operate or provide for
13 the operation of all ADA paratransit services by no later than
14 July 1, 2006, except that this date may be extended to the
15 extent necessary to obtain approval from the Federal Transit
16 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to subsection
17 (c).

18 (c) No later than January 1, 2006, the Authority, in
19 collaboration with the Suburban Bus Board and the Chicago
20 Transit Authority, shall develop a plan for the provision of
21 ADA paratransit services and submit such plan to the Federal
22 Transit Administration for approval. Approval of such plan by
23 the Authority shall require a supermajority vote. The Suburban
24 Bus Board, the Chicago Transit Authority and the Authority
25 shall comply with the requirements of the Americans with
26 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations in

1 developing and approving such plan including, without
2 limitation, consulting with individuals with disabilities and
3 groups representing them in the community, and providing
4 adequate opportunity for public comment and public hearings.
5 The plan shall include the contents required for a paratransit
6 plan pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
7 and its implementing regulations. The plan shall also include,
8 without limitation, provisions to:

9 (1) maintain, at a minimum, the levels of ADA
10 paratransit service that are required to be provided by
11 the Service Boards pursuant to the Americans with
12 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations;

13 (2) transfer the appropriate ADA paratransit services,
14 management, personnel, service contracts and assets from
15 the Chicago Transit Authority to the Authority or the
16 Suburban Bus Board, as necessary, by no later than July 1,
17 2006, except that this date may be extended to the extent
18 necessary to obtain approval from the Federal Transit
19 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to this
20 subsection (c);

21 (3) provide for consistent policies throughout the
22 metropolitan region for scheduling of ADA paratransit
23 service trips to and from destinations, with consideration
24 of scheduling of return trips on a "will-call" open-ended
25 basis upon request of the rider, if practicable, and with
26 consideration of an increased number of trips available by

1 subscription service than are available as of the
2 effective date of this amendatory Act;

3 (4) provide that service contracts and rates, entered
4 into or set after the approval by the Federal Transit
5 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to subsection
6 (c) of this Section, with private carriers and taxicabs
7 for ADA paratransit service are procured by means of an
8 open procurement process;

9 (5) provide for fares, fare collection and billing
10 procedures for ADA paratransit services throughout the
11 metropolitan region;

12 (6) provide for performance standards for all ADA
13 paratransit service transportation carriers, with
14 consideration of door-to-door service;

15 (7) provide, in cooperation with the Illinois
16 Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of
17 Public Aid and other appropriate public agencies and
18 private entities, for the application and receipt of
19 grants, including, without limitation, reimbursement from
20 Medicaid or other programs for ADA paratransit services;

21 (8) provide for a system of dispatch of ADA
22 paratransit services transportation carriers throughout
23 the metropolitan region, with consideration of
24 county-based dispatch systems already in place as of the
25 effective date of this amendatory Act;

26 (9) provide for a process of determining eligibility

1 for ADA paratransit services that complies with the
2 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its
3 implementing regulations;

4 (10) provide for consideration of innovative methods
5 to provide and fund ADA paratransit services; and

6 (11) provide for the creation of one or more ADA
7 advisory boards, or the reconstitution of the existing ADA
8 advisory boards for the Service Boards, to represent the
9 diversity of individuals with disabilities in the
10 metropolitan region and to provide appropriate ongoing
11 input from individuals with disabilities into the
12 operation of ADA paratransit services; and

13 (12) incorporate the reports the ADA Advisory
14 Committees established by the Services Boards present to
15 the Authority.

16 (d) All revisions and annual updates to the ADA
17 paratransit services plan developed pursuant to subsection (c)
18 of this Section, or certifications of continued compliance in
19 lieu of plan updates, that are required to be provided to the
20 Federal Transit Administration shall be developed by the
21 Authority, in collaboration with the Suburban Bus Board and
22 the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Authority shall submit
23 such revision, update or certification to the Federal Transit
24 Administration for approval. Approval of such revisions,
25 updates or certifications by the Authority shall require a
26 supermajority vote.

1 (e) The Illinois Department of Transportation, the
2 Illinois Department of Public Aid, the Authority, the Suburban
3 Bus Board and the Chicago Transit Authority shall enter into
4 intergovernmental agreements as may be necessary to provide
5 funding and accountability for, and implementation of, the
6 requirements of this Section.

7 (f) By no later than April 1, 2007, the Authority shall
8 develop and submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a
9 funding plan for ADA paratransit services. Approval of such
10 plan by the Authority shall require a supermajority vote. The
11 funding plan shall, at a minimum, contain an analysis of the
12 current costs of providing ADA paratransit services,
13 projections of the long-term costs of providing ADA
14 paratransit services, identification of and recommendations
15 for possible cost efficiencies in providing ADA paratransit
16 services, and identification of and recommendations for
17 possible funding sources for providing ADA paratransit
18 services. The Illinois Department of Transportation, the
19 Illinois Department of Public Aid, the Suburban Bus Board, the
20 Chicago Transit Authority and other State and local public
21 agencies as appropriate shall cooperate with the Authority in
22 the preparation of such funding plan.

23 (g) Any funds derived from the federal Medicaid program
24 for reimbursement of the costs of providing ADA paratransit
25 services within the metropolitan region shall be directed to
26 the Authority and shall be used to pay for or reimburse the

1 costs of providing such services.

2 (h) Nothing in this amendatory Act shall be construed to
3 conflict with the requirements of the Americans with
4 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

6 (70 ILCS 3615/3.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703.01)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

8 Sec. 3.01. Board of Directors. The corporate authorities
9 and governing body of the Authority shall be a Board
10 consisting of 13 Directors until April 1, 2008, and 16
11 Directors thereafter, appointed as follows:

12 (a) Four Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City of
13 Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the
14 City of Chicago, and, only until April 1, 2008, a fifth
15 director who shall be the Chairman of the Chicago Transit
16 Authority. After April 1, 2008, the Mayor of the City of
17 Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the
18 City of Chicago, shall appoint a fifth Director. The Directors
19 appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago shall not be the
20 Chairman or a Director of the Chicago Transit Authority. Each
21 such Director shall reside in the City of Chicago.

22 (b) Four Directors appointed by the votes of a majority of
23 the members of the Cook County Board elected from districts, a
24 majority of the electors of which reside outside Chicago.
25 After April 1, 2008, a fifth Director appointed by the

1 President of the Cook County Board with the advice and consent
2 of the members of the Cook County Board. Each Director
3 appointed under this subparagraph shall reside in that part of
4 Cook County outside Chicago.

5 (c) Until April 1, 2008, 3 Directors appointed by the
6 Chairmen of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,
7 and Will Counties, as follows:

8 (i) Two Directors appointed by the Chairmen of the
9 county boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties,
10 with the concurrence of not less than a majority of the
11 Chairmen from such counties, from nominees by the
12 Chairmen. Each such Chairman may nominate not more than 2
13 persons for each position. Each such Director shall reside
14 in a county in the metropolitan region other than Cook or
15 DuPage Counties.

16 (ii) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the
17 DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the
18 DuPage County Board. Such Director shall reside in DuPage
19 County.

20 (d) After April 1, 2008, 5 Directors appointed by the
21 Chairmen of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake and
22 McHenry Counties and the County Executive of Will County, as
23 follows:

24 (i) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane
25 County Board with the advice and consent of the Kane
26 County Board. Such Director shall reside in Kane County.

1 (ii) One Director appointed by the County Executive of
2 Will County with the advice and consent of the Will County
3 Board. Such Director shall reside in Will County.

4 (iii) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the
5 DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the
6 DuPage County Board. Such Director shall reside in DuPage
7 County.

8 (iv) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the
9 Lake County Board with the advice and consent of the Lake
10 County Board. Such Director shall reside in Lake County.

11 (v) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the
12 McHenry County Board with the advice and consent of the
13 McHenry County Board. Such Director shall reside in
14 McHenry County.

15 (vi) To implement the changes in appointing authority
16 under this subparagraph (d) the three Directors appointed
17 under subparagraph (c) and residing in Lake County, DuPage
18 County, and Kane County respectively shall each continue
19 to serve as Director until the expiration of their
20 respective term of office and until his or her successor
21 is appointed and qualified or a vacancy occurs in the
22 office. Thereupon, the appointment shall be made by the
23 officials given appointing authority with respect to the
24 Director whose term has expired or office has become
25 vacant.

26 (e) The Chairman serving on the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall continue to
2 serve as Chairman until the expiration of his or her term of
3 office and until his or her successor is appointed and
4 qualified or a vacancy occurs in the office. Upon the
5 expiration or vacancy of the term of the Chairman then serving
6 upon the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th
7 General Assembly, the Chairman shall be appointed by the other
8 Directors, by the affirmative vote of at least 11 of the then
9 Directors with at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors who
10 reside in the City of Chicago, at least 2 affirmative votes
11 from Directors who reside in Cook County outside the City of
12 Chicago, and at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors who
13 reside in the Counties of DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, or
14 McHenry. The chairman shall not be appointed from among the
15 other Directors. The chairman shall be a resident of the
16 metropolitan region.

17 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this Act no Director
18 shall, while serving as such, be an officer, a member of the
19 Board of Directors or Trustees or an employee of any Service
20 Board or transportation agency, or be an employee of the State
21 of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, or of any
22 municipality, county, or any other unit of local government or
23 receive any compensation from any elected or appointed office
24 under the Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a
25 Director may be a member of a school board.

26 (g) Each appointment made under this Section and under

1 Section 3.03 shall be certified by the appointing authority to
2 the Board, which shall maintain the certifications as part of
3 the official records of the Authority.

4 (h) (Blank).

5 (Source: P.A. 98-709, eff. 7-16-14.)

6 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

7 Sec. 3.01. Board of Directors. The corporate authorities
8 and governing and administrative body of the Authority shall
9 be a Board consisting of 20 Directors appointed as follows:

10 (a) Five Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City of
11 Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the
12 City of Chicago. Each Director shall reside in the City of
13 Chicago. Directors appointed under this subsection shall
14 include:

15 (1) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who
16 shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit
17 Authority;

18 (2) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who
19 shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit
20 Authority;

21 (3) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who
22 shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

23 (4) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who
24 shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and

25 (5) one Director with an initial term of 5 years.

1 (a-5) Five Directors appointed by the Governor of the
2 State of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate.
3 Each Director appointed under this subsection shall reside in
4 the metropolitan region. Directors appointed under this
5 subsection shall include:

6 (1) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who
7 shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit
8 Authority;

9 (2) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who
10 shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

11 (3) one Director appointed by the Governor, with the
12 advice and consent of the Senate, with an initial term of 5
13 years who shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail
14 Board;

15 (4) one Director with an initial term of 5 years; and

16 (5) one Director with an initial term of 3 years.

17 (b) Five Directors appointed by the President of the Cook
18 County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of
19 the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including:

20 (1) one Director representing those communities in
21 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago and
22 north of Devon Avenue who shall reside in the area the
23 Director represents, serve an initial term of 3 years, and
24 serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

25 (2) one Director representing those communities in
26 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago, south

1 of Devon Avenue, and north of Interstate 55, and in
2 addition the Village of Summit who shall reside in the
3 area the Director represents, serve an initial term of 5
4 years, and serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

5 (3) one Director representing those communities in
6 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago, south
7 of Interstate 55, and west of the Interstate 57, excluding
8 the communities of Summit, Dixmoor, Posen, Robbins,
9 Midlothian, Oak Forest, and Tinley Park who shall reside
10 in the area the Director represents, serve an initial term
11 of 3 years, and serve as a director of the Commuter Rail
12 Board;

13 (4) one Director representing those communities in
14 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago and
15 east of Interstate 57, and, in addition, the communities
16 of Dixmoor, Posen, Robbins, Midlothian, Oak Forest, and
17 Tinley Park who shall reside in the area the Director
18 represents, serve an initial term of 5 years, and serve as
19 a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and

20 (5) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who
21 shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit
22 Authority.

23 (b-5) Five Directors appointed by the chair of the county
24 boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry, DuPage, and Will counties. Each
25 chair shall appoint one Director for the chair's county, with
26 the advice and consent of the chair's county board. Each

1 Director shall reside in the county from which the Director is
2 appointed. Directors appointed under this subsection shall
3 include:

4 (1) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the
5 DuPage County Board with an initial term of 5 years who
6 shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

7 (2) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane
8 County Board with an initial term of 3 years who shall
9 serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

10 (3) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake
11 County Board with an initial term of 3 years who shall
12 serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board;

13 (4) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the
14 McHenry County Board with an initial term of 5 years who
15 shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and

16 (5) one Director appointed by the County Executive of
17 Will County Board who shall reside in Will County, serve
18 an initial term of 3 years, and serve as a director of the
19 Suburban Bus Board.

20 (b-10) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors
21 serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
22 104th General Assembly and of any directors appointed to fill
23 a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board
24 occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be
25 filled under Section 3.03. Directors serving on the effective
26 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may

1 be reappointed.

2 (b-15) Within 120 days of the effective date of this
3 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the appointing
4 authorities shall appoint, with the advice and consent
5 required under this Section, a new Board of the Authority.
6 Directors have been appointed when appointments are filed with
7 and accepted by the Secretary of State in accordance with
8 subsection (g). The initial Directors appointed after the
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
10 Assembly shall serve terms of office beginning on September 1,
11 2026.

12 (b-20) On the first meeting of the Board the Directors
13 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
14 General Assembly, the Board of Directors shall, by majority
15 vote, elect a Director to serve as Chair of the Board. All
16 subsequent Chairs of the Board shall be elected by a majority
17 vote by the Directors of the Board from among the Directors.
18 Until September 1, 2030, the Chair of the Board must be
19 confirmed by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the
20 Directors elect a Chair of the Board, then the elected Chair of
21 the Board may serve as ~~a~~ the acting Chair of the Board until
22 confirmation. Until September 1, 2030, if the Senate votes
23 against confirming the acting Chair of the Board, then the
24 acting Chair of the Board must resign and the Directors must
25 elect a new Chair of the Board.

26 (b-25) The subsequent terms of each Director appointed

1 after September 1, 2026 shall be 5 years.

2 (c) (Blank).

3 (d) (Blank).

4 (e) (Blank).

5 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this Act, no Director
6 shall, while serving as such, be an officer, member of the
7 Board of Directors or Trustees, an employee of any Service
8 Board or Transportation Agency, or an employee of the State,
9 any department or agency of the State, or any municipality,
10 county, or other unit of local government or receive any
11 compensation from any elected or appointed office under the
12 Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a Director may
13 be a member of a school board, a member of the National Guard,
14 or, if the Director is also a member of the Suburban Bus Board,
15 an elected officer of a municipality.

16 (g) Each appointment made under this Section and under
17 Section 3.03 shall be certified by the appointing authority
18 and filed with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the
19 Board. The Secretary of the Board shall maintain the
20 certifications as part of the official records of the
21 Authority.

22 (h) (Blank).

23 (i) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant
24 experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,
25 operation, and funding of a regional transportation system,
26 including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and

1 regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor
2 and workforce development, business management, public
3 administration, transportation, and community organizations.

4 (j) Those responsible for appointing Directors shall
5 strive to assemble a set of Directors that, to the greatest
6 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,
7 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

8 (k) One of the Directors appointed under subsection (a-5)
9 shall be a person with a disability with expertise in
10 transportation and appointed with the advice and
11 recommendation of a disability advocacy organization serving
12 the Metropolitan Region.

13 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

14 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.02) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.02)

15 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

16 Sec. 3A.02. Suburban Bus Board. The governing body of the
17 Suburban Bus Division shall be a board consisting of 13
18 directors appointed as follows:

19 (a) Six Directors appointed by the members of the Cook
20 County Board elected from that part of Cook County outside
21 of Chicago, or in the event such Board of Commissioners
22 becomes elected from single member districts, by those
23 Commissioners elected from districts, a majority of the
24 residents of which reside outside of Chicago from the
25 chief executive officers of the municipalities, of that

1 portion of Cook County outside of Chicago. Provided
2 however, that:

3 (i) One of the Directors shall be the chief
4 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
5 the Northwest Region defined in Section 3A.13;

6 (ii) One of the Directors shall be the chief
7 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
8 the North Central Region defined in Section 3A.13;

9 (iii) One of the Directors shall be the chief
10 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
11 the North Shore Region defined in Section 3A.13;

12 (iv) One of the Directors shall be the chief
13 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
14 the Central Region defined in Section 3A.13;

15 (v) One of the Directors shall be the chief
16 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
17 the Southwest Region defined in Section 3A.13;

18 (vi) One of the Directors shall be the chief
19 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
20 the South Region defined in Section 3A.13;

21 (b) One Director by the Chairman of the Kane County
22 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
23 municipality within Kane County;

24 (c) One Director by the Chairman of the Lake County
25 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
26 municipality within Lake County;

1 (d) One Director by the Chairman of the DuPage County
2 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
3 municipality within DuPage County;

4 (e) One Director by the Chairman of the McHenry County
5 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
6 municipality within McHenry County;

7 (f) One Director by the Chairman of the Will County
8 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
9 municipality within Will County;

10 (g) The Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People
11 with Disabilities, from the City of Chicago, who shall
12 serve as an ex-officio member; and

13 (h) The Chairman by the Governor for the initial term,
14 and thereafter by a majority of the Chairmen of the
15 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will County Boards and the
16 members of the Cook County Board elected from that part of
17 Cook County outside of Chicago, or in the event such Board
18 of Commissioners is elected from single member districts,
19 by those Commissioners elected from districts, a majority
20 of the electors of which reside outside of Chicago; and
21 who after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
22 95th General Assembly may not be a resident of the City of
23 Chicago.

24 Each appointment made under paragraphs (a) through (g) and
25 under Section 3A.03 shall be certified by the appointing
26 authority to the Suburban Bus Board which shall maintain the

1 certifications as part of the official records of the Suburban
2 Bus Board; provided that the initial appointments shall be
3 certified to the Secretary of State, who shall transmit the
4 certifications to the Suburban Bus Board following its
5 organization.

6 For the purposes of this Section, "chief executive officer
7 of a municipality" includes a former chief executive officer
8 of a municipality within the specified Region or County,
9 provided that the former officer continues to reside within
10 such Region or County.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-906, eff. 8-26-08.)

12 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

13 Sec. 3A.02. Suburban Bus Board.

14 (a) The governing body of the Suburban Bus Division shall
15 be the Suburban Bus Board. Until September 1, 2026, the
16 Suburban Bus Board shall consist of 13 directors appointed as
17 follows:

18 (1) (a) Six Directors appointed by the members of the
19 Cook County Board elected from that part of Cook County
20 outside of Chicago, or in the event such Board of
21 Commissioners becomes elected from single member
22 districts, by those Commissioners elected from districts,
23 a majority of the residents of which reside outside of
24 Chicago from the chief executive officers of the
25 municipalities, of that portion of Cook County outside of

1 Chicago. Provided however, that:

2 (A) One of the Directors shall be the chief
3 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
4 the Northwest Region defined in Section 3A.13;

5 (B) One of the Directors shall be the chief
6 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
7 the North Central Region defined in Section 3A.13;

8 (C) One of the Directors shall be the chief
9 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
10 the North Shore Region defined in Section 3A.13;

11 (D) One of the Directors shall be the chief
12 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
13 the Central Region defined in Section 3A.13;

14 (E) One of the Directors shall be the chief
15 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
16 the Southwest Region defined in Section 3A.13;

17 (F) One of the Directors shall be the chief
18 executive officer of a municipality within the area of
19 the South Region defined in Section 3A.13;

20 (2) One Director by the Chairman of the Kane County
21 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
22 municipality within Kane County;

23 (3) One Director by the Chairman of the Lake County
24 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
25 municipality within Lake County;

26 (4) One Director by the Chairman of the DuPage County

1 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
2 municipality within DuPage County;

3 (5) One Director by the Chairman of the McHenry County
4 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
5 municipality within McHenry County;

6 (6) One Director by the Chairman of the Will County
7 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
8 municipality within Will County;

9 (7) The Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People
10 with Disabilities, from the City of Chicago, who shall
11 serve as an ex officio member; and

12 (8) The Chairman by the Governor for the initial term,
13 and thereafter by a majority of the Chairmen of the
14 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will County Boards and the
15 members of the Cook County Board elected from that part of
16 Cook County outside of Chicago, or in the event such Board
17 of Commissioners is elected from single member districts,
18 by those Commissioners elected from districts, a majority
19 of the electors of which reside outside of Chicago; and
20 who after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
21 95th General Assembly may not be a resident of the City of
22 Chicago.

23 (b) Beginning September 1, 2026, the board shall consist
24 of 11 directors appointed as follows:

25 (1) One director appointed by the Governor, with the
26 advice and consent of the Senate. The director appointed

1 under this paragraph shall have an initial term of 3
2 years. The director appointed under this paragraph shall
3 also serve as a Director of the Northern Illinois Transit
4 Authority.

5 (2) One director ~~Two directors~~ appointed by the Mayor
6 of Chicago with the advice and consent of the City Council
7 of the City of Chicago. The director appointed under this
8 paragraph shall have an initial term of 5 years. The
9 director appointed under this paragraph shall serve as a
10 Director of the Board of the Authority. ~~including:~~

11 ~~(A) a director with an initial term of 5 years who~~
12 ~~shall serve as a Director on the Board of the~~
13 ~~Authority; and~~

14 ~~(B) a director with an initial term of 3 years.~~

15 (2.5) One director who is the Commissioner of the City
16 of Chicago's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities.

17 (3) Three directors appointed by the President of the
18 Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and
19 consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners,
20 including:

21 (A) a director with an initial term of 5 years who
22 shall serve as a Director on the Board of the
23 Authority;

24 (B) a director with an initial term of 3 years who
25 shall serve as a Director on the Board of the
26 Authority; and

1 (C) a director with an initial term of 5 years.

2 (4) One director appointed by the Chairman of the
3 DuPage County Board. The director appointed under this
4 paragraph shall have an initial term of 3 years. The
5 director appointed under this paragraph shall also serve
6 as a Director on the Board of the Authority.

7 (5) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane
8 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph
9 shall have an initial term of 5 years. The director
10 appointed under this paragraph shall also serve as a
11 Director on the Board of the Authority.

12 (6) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake
13 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph
14 shall have an initial term of 5 years.

15 (7) One director appointed by the Chairman of the
16 McHenry County Board. The director appointed under this
17 paragraph shall have an initial term of 3 years.

18 (8) One director appointed by the County Executive of
19 Will County Board. The director appointed under this
20 paragraph shall reside in Will County. The director
21 appointed under this paragraph shall have an initial term
22 of 5 years. The director appointed under this paragraph
23 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the
24 Authority.

25 (c) The subsequent terms of each director appointed under
26 subsection (b) shall be 5 years.

1 (d) The Chair of the Suburban Bus Board shall be elected by
2 a majority vote by the directors of the Suburban Bus Board from
3 among the directors of the Suburban Bus Board. Until September
4 1, 2030, the Chair of the Suburban Bus Board must be approved
5 by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the directors of the
6 Suburban Bus Board elect a Chair of the Suburban Bus Board,
7 then the elected Chair of the Suburban Bus Board may serve as ~~a~~
8 the acting Chair of the Suburban Bus Board until confirmation.
9 Until September 1, 2030, if the Senate votes against
10 confirming the acting Chair of the Suburban Bus Board, then
11 the acting Chair of the Suburban Bus Board must resign and the
12 directors of the Suburban Bus Board must elect a new Chair of
13 the Suburban Bus Board.

14 (e) Initial appointments of directors under subsection (b)
15 must be made in time for the directors to begin their terms on
16 September 1, 2026.

17 (f) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors
18 appointed under subsection (a) and of any directors appointed
19 to fill a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the
20 Suburban Bus Board occurs before September 1, 2026, then the
21 vacancy shall be filled under Section 3A.03. Directors
22 appointed under subsection (a) may be reappointed under
23 subsection (b).

24 (g) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant
25 experience or expertise in overseeing the planning, operation,
26 or funding of a public transportation system, including, but

1 not limited to, backgrounds in urban and regional planning,
2 management of large capital projects, labor and workforce
3 development, business management, public administration,
4 transportation, and transit and ridership advocacy.

5 (h) Those responsible for appointing directors shall
6 strive to assemble a set of directors that, to the greatest
7 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,
8 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

10 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.09) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.09)

11 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

12 Sec. 3A.09. General powers. In addition to any powers
13 elsewhere provided to the Suburban Bus Board, it shall have
14 all of the powers specified in Section 2.20 of this Act except
15 for the powers specified in Section 2.20(a)(v). The Board
16 shall also have the power:

17 (a) to cooperate with the Regional Transportation
18 Authority in the exercise by the Regional Transportation
19 Authority of all the powers granted it by such Act;

20 (b) to receive funds from the Regional Transportation
21 Authority pursuant to Sections 2.02, 4.01, 4.02, 4.09 and
22 4.10 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, all as
23 provided in the Regional Transportation Authority Act;

24 (c) to receive financial grants from the Regional
25 Transportation Authority or a Service Board, as defined in

1 the Regional Transportation Authority Act, upon such terms
2 and conditions as shall be set forth in a grant contract
3 between either the Division and the Regional
4 Transportation Authority or the Division and another
5 Service Board, which contract or agreement may be for such
6 number of years or duration as the parties agree, all as
7 provided in the Regional Transportation Authority Act;

8 (d) to perform all functions necessary for the
9 provision of paratransit services under Section 2.30 of
10 this Act;

11 (e) to borrow money for the purposes of: (i)
12 constructing a new garage in the northwestern Cook County
13 suburbs, (ii) converting the South Cook garage in Markham
14 to a Compressed Natural Gas facility, (iii) constructing a
15 new paratransit garage in DuPage County, (iv) expanding
16 the North Shore garage in Evanston to accommodate
17 additional indoor bus parking, and (v) purchasing new
18 transit buses. For the purpose of evidencing the
19 obligation of the Suburban Bus Board to repay any money
20 borrowed as provided in this subsection, the Suburban Bus
21 Board may issue revenue bonds from time to time pursuant
22 to ordinance adopted by the Suburban Bus Board, subject to
23 the approval of the Regional Transportation Authority of
24 each such issuance by the affirmative vote of 12 of its
25 then Directors; provided that the Suburban Bus Board may
26 not issue bonds for the purpose of financing the

1 acquisition, construction, or improvement of any facility
2 other than those listed in this subsection (e). All such
3 bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues or income
4 or any other funds that the Suburban Bus Board may
5 receive, provided that the Suburban Bus Board may not
6 pledge as security for such bonds the moneys, if any, that
7 the Suburban Bus Board receives from the Regional
8 Transportation Authority pursuant to Section 4.03.3(f) of
9 the Regional Transportation Authority Act. The bonds shall
10 bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate
11 authorized by the Bond Authorization Act and shall mature
12 at such time or times not exceeding 25 years from their
13 respective dates. Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph
14 must be issued with scheduled principal or mandatory
15 redemption payments in equal amounts in each fiscal year
16 over the term of the bonds, with the first principal or
17 mandatory redemption payment scheduled within the fiscal
18 year in which bonds are issued or within the next
19 succeeding fiscal year. At least 25%, based on total
20 principal amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this
21 Section shall be sold pursuant to notice of sale and
22 public bid. No more than 75%, based on total principal
23 amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this Section
24 shall be sold by negotiated sale. The maximum principal
25 amount of the bonds that may be issued may not exceed
26 \$100,000,000. The bonds shall have all the qualities of

1 negotiable instruments under the laws of this State. To
2 secure the payment of any or all of such bonds and for the
3 purpose of setting forth the covenants and undertakings of
4 the Suburban Bus Board in connection with the issuance
5 thereof and the issuance of any additional bonds payable
6 from such revenue or income as well as the use and
7 application of the revenue or income received by the
8 Suburban Bus Board, the Suburban Bus Board may execute and
9 deliver a trust agreement or agreements; provided that no
10 lien upon any physical property of the Suburban Bus Board
11 shall be created thereby. A remedy for any breach or
12 default of the terms of any such trust agreement by the
13 Suburban Bus Board may be by mandamus proceedings in any
14 court of competent jurisdiction to compel performance and
15 compliance therewith, but the trust agreement may
16 prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action may be
17 instituted. Under no circumstances shall any bonds issued
18 by the Suburban Bus Board or any other obligation of the
19 Suburban Bus Board in connection with the issuance of such
20 bonds be or become an indebtedness or obligation of the
21 State of Illinois, the Regional Transportation Authority,
22 or any other political subdivision of or municipality
23 within the State, nor shall any such bonds or obligations
24 be or become an indebtedness of the Suburban Bus Board
25 within the purview of any constitutional limitation or
26 provision, and it shall be plainly stated on the face of

1 each bond that it does not constitute such an indebtedness
2 or obligation but is payable solely from the revenues or
3 income as aforesaid; and

4 (f) to adopt ordinances and make all rules and
5 regulations proper or necessary to regulate the use,
6 operation, and maintenance of its property and facilities
7 and to carry into effect the powers granted to the
8 Suburban Bus Board, with any necessary fines or penalties,
9 such as the suspension of riding privileges or
10 confiscation of fare media under Section 2.40, as the
11 Board deems proper.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-281, eff. 1-1-24.)

13 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

14 Sec. 3A.09. Powers.

15 (a) The Suburban Bus Board shall:

16 (1) oversee the operations and management of the
17 Service Board;

18 (2) convey the Authority's goals, priorities, and
19 requirements to the Service Board; and

20 (3) convey information, concerns, and recommendations
21 from the Service Board to Authority leadership.

22 (b) The Suburban Bus Board shall manage the debt that was
23 issued and outstanding by its service board predecessor to
24 ensure that the obligations owed to bondholders are fulfilled.

25 (c) The Suburban Bus Board shall not have the power to

1 issue new debt other than debt or other financial instruments
2 designed to refinance or retire debt that was issued and
3 outstanding on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
4 the 104th General Assembly.

5 (d) The status and rights of employees of the Suburban Bus
6 Board under any applicable statutes, any applicable collective
7 bargaining agreements, or any pension, retirement, or annuity
8 plan shall not be affected by this amendatory Act of the 104th
9 General Assembly.

10 (e) In addition to any powers elsewhere provided to the
11 Suburban Bus Board, it shall have all of the powers specified
12 in Section 2.20 of this Act, except that the powers specified
13 in Section 2.20(a)(v) must be delegated to the Suburban Bus
14 Board by the Board of the Authority.

15 (f) The Suburban Bus Board shall also have the power:

16 (1) to cooperate with the Authority in the
17 exercise by the Authority of all the powers granted it
18 by such Act;

19 (2) to receive funds from the Authority pursuant
20 to Sections 2.02, 4.01, 4.02, 4.09 and 4.10;

21 (3) to receive financial grants from the Authority
22 or a Service Board upon such terms and conditions as
23 shall be set forth in a grant contract between either
24 the Suburban Bus Division and the Authority or the
25 Division and another Service Board, which contract or
26 agreement may be for such number of years or duration

1 as the parties agree;

2 (4) to perform all functions necessary for the
3 provision of paratransit services under Section 2.30
4 of this Act; and

5 (5) to adopt ordinances and make all rules and
6 regulations proper or necessary to regulate the use,
7 operation, and maintenance of its property and
8 facilities and to carry into effect the powers granted
9 to the Suburban Bus Board, with any necessary fines or
10 penalties, such as the suspension of riding privileges
11 or confiscation of fare media under Section 2.40, as
12 the Board deems proper.

13 (g) The Suburban Bus Board shall use powers delegated to
14 it by the Authority to oversee the delivery of public
15 transportation in the metropolitan region, provided that the
16 Authority shall retain primary responsibility for setting
17 fares, service standards, schedules, and coordinated fare
18 collection so that the public transportation system in the
19 metropolitan region operates on a one-network, one-timetable,
20 one-ticket model for transit users.

21 (h) The Suburban Bus Board shall establish and maintain an
22 ADA Advisory Committee to advise the Suburban Bus Board on
23 accessibility and compliance with the Americans with
24 Disabilities Act of 1990 as it relates to fixed route and
25 paratransit service.

26 (1) The ADA Advisory Committee shall include:

1 (A) members representing riders with disabilities;

2 and

3 (B) members representing organizations serving
4 individuals with disabilities.

5 (2) The ADA Advisory Committee shall meet no less than
6 quarterly.

7 (3) The ADA Advisory Committee shall present a
8 quarterly report on accessibility to the Suburban Bus
9 Board.

10 (4) The ADA Advisory Committee shall present an annual
11 report on accessibility to the Authority.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-281, eff. 1-1-24; 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

13 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.02.5)

14 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
15 delayed effective date)

16 Sec. 3B.02.5. Commuter Rail Board.

17 (a) The governing body of the Commuter Rail Division shall
18 be the Commuter Rail Board. Beginning September 1, 2026, the
19 Commuter Rail Board shall consist of 11 directors appointed as
20 follows:

21 (1) One director appointed by the Governor, with the
22 advice and consent of the Senate. The director appointed
23 under this paragraph shall have an initial term of 5
24 years. The director appointed under this paragraph shall
25 also serve as a Director of the Northern Illinois Transit

1 Authority.

2 (2) Two directors appointed by the Mayor of Chicago
3 with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City
4 of Chicago, including:

5 (A) a director with an initial term of 3 years who
6 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the
7 Authority; and

8 (B) a director with an initial term of 5 years.

9 (3) Three directors appointed by the President of the
10 Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and
11 consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners,
12 including:

13 (A) a director with an initial term of 3 years who
14 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the
15 Authority;

16 (B) a director with an initial term of 5 years who
17 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the
18 Authority; and

19 (C) a director with an initial term of 3 years.

20 (4) One director appointed by the Chairman of the
21 DuPage County Board. The director appointed under this
22 paragraph shall have an initial term of 5 years.

23 (5) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane
24 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph
25 shall have an initial term of 3 years.

26 (6) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake

1 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph
2 shall have an initial term of 3 years. The director
3 appointed under this paragraph shall also serve as a
4 Director on the Board of the Authority.

5 (7) One director appointed by the Chairman of the
6 McHenry County Board. The director appointed under this
7 paragraph shall have an initial term of 5 years. The
8 director appointed under this paragraph shall also serve
9 as a Director on the Board of the Authority.

10 (8) One director appointed by the County Executive of
11 Will County. The director appointed under this paragraph
12 shall reside in Will County. The director appointed under
13 this paragraph shall have an initial term of 3 years.

14 (b) The subsequent terms of each director appointed under
15 subsection (a) shall be 5 years.

16 (c) The Chair of the Commuter Rail Board shall be elected
17 by a majority vote by the directors of the Commuter Rail Board
18 from among the directors of the Commuter Rail Board. Until
19 September 1, 2030, the Chair of the Commuter Rail Board must be
20 approved by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the
21 directors of the Commuter Rail Board elect a Chair of the
22 Commuter Rail Board, then the elected Chair of the Commuter
23 Rail Board may serve as ~~a~~ the acting Chair of the Commuter Rail
24 Board until confirmation. Until September 1, 2030, if the
25 Senate votes against confirming the acting Chair of the
26 Commuter Rail Board, then the acting Chair of the Commuter

1 Rail Board must resign and the directors of the Commuter Rail
2 Board must elect a new Chair of the Commuter Rail Board.

3 (d) Initial appointments of directors under subsection (a)
4 must be made in time for the directors to begin their terms on
5 September 1, 2026.

6 (e) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors
7 serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
8 104th General Assembly and of any directors appointed to fill
9 a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board
10 occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be
11 filled under Section 3B.03. Directors serving on the effective
12 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may
13 be reappointed under subsection (a).

14 (f) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant
15 experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,
16 operation, and funding of a regional transportation system,
17 including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and
18 regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor
19 and workforce development, business management, public
20 administration, transportation, and community organizations.

21 (g) Those responsible for appointing directors shall
22 strive to assemble a set of directors that, to the greatest
23 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,
24 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

25 (h) One of the directors appointed under paragraph (3) of
26 subsection (a) shall be a person with a disability who uses the

1 services provided by the Commuter Rail Division and shall be
2 appointed with the advice and recommendation of a disability
3 advocacy organization serving the Metropolitan Region.

4 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

5 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.09d new)

6 Sec. 3B.09d. ADA Advisory Committee. The Commuter Rail
7 Board shall establish and maintain an ADA Advisory Committee
8 to advise the Commuter Rail Board on accessibility and
9 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as it
10 relates to fixed route and paratransit service.

11 (1) The ADA Advisory Committee shall include:

12 (A) members representing riders with disabilities;

13 and

14 (B) members representing organizations serving
15 individuals with disabilities.

16 (2) The ADA Advisory Committee shall meet no less than
17 quarterly.

18 (3) The ADA Advisory Committee shall present a
19 quarterly report on accessibility to the Commuter Rail
20 Board.

21 (4) The ADA Advisory Committee shall present an annual
22 report on accessibility to the Authority.

23 (70 ILCS 3615/7.03)

24 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a

1 delayed effective date)

2 Sec. 7.03. ADA Advisory Council.

3 (a) There is established an ADA Advisory Council. The
4 Board shall appoint at least 5 and not more than 15 members to
5 the ADA Advisory Council.

6 (b) The purpose of the ADA Advisory Council is to advise
7 the Board of the Authority of the impact of Authority
8 policies, programs, and public transportation services on
9 disabled transit riders within the metropolitan region and to
10 make recommendations for how to improve public transportation
11 in the metropolitan region.

12 (c) The Board shall strive to assemble an ADA Advisory
13 Council that is reflective of the diversity of the
14 metropolitan region, the users of the various modes of public
15 transportation, and the interests of the residents of the
16 region in a strong public transportation system. The Board
17 shall strive to include people with disabilities and
18 disability advocates in the membership of the ADA Advisory
19 Council.

20 (d) ADA Advisory Council members shall be appointed to
21 terms of 5 years, may be reappointed to serve multiple terms,
22 and may continue to serve after expiration of their terms
23 until their successors are appointed.

24 (e) The members of the ADA Advisory Council shall elect a
25 Chair, who shall preside over meetings, which shall occur
26 monthly or on such other schedule as is set by vote of the ADA

1 Advisory Council and shall establish meeting agendas in
2 consultation with fellow ADA Advisory Council members and the
3 Authority.

4 (f) Meetings of the ADA Advisory Council shall be held in
5 compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and the public shall be
6 given an opportunity to attend and comment on matters
7 pertaining to the work of the ADA Advisory Council.

8 (g) The Authority shall designate one or more staff
9 liaisons to provide technical support for the ADA Advisory
10 Council and to facilitate direct communication between the ADA
11 Advisory Council and those in the Authority responsible for
12 delivering public transportation services.

13 (h) The ADA Advisory Council shall:

14 (1) review and comment on proposed Authority budgets,
15 financial plans, capital programs, fare policies, and
16 service standards;

17 (2) convey concerns pertaining to the quality,
18 efficiency, safety, accessibility, and equity of mainline
19 and paratransit public transportation services as they
20 impact disabled riders;

21 (3) assess the efficacy of Authority initiatives to
22 protect the safety of disabled riders on the public
23 transportation system;

24 (4) prepare and convey recommendations to the
25 Authority for how the Authority can improve the quality,
26 efficiency, and equity of public transportation service

1 for disabled riders in the metropolitan region;

2 (5) serve as a resource for connecting disabled riders
3 and disability advocacy organizations with those in the
4 Authority responsible for delivering public transportation
5 services;

6 (6) advocate for funding, policies, and laws that
7 shall improve public transportation in the metropolitan
8 region; and

9 (7) serve as a resource for Authority staff to discuss
10 proposed changes to services, policies, and technologies
11 affecting disabled transit riders before those changes are
12 implemented.

13 (i) The Authority shall provide adequate technical support
14 so the ADA Advisory Council can function effectively, provide
15 regular briefing on service delivery issues and other topics
16 of interest for transit riders, make staff responsible for
17 delivery of public transportation services accessible to the
18 ADA Advisory Council, give the ADA Advisory Council sufficient
19 information and time to comment on proposed plans and
20 policies, and take into account the comments and
21 recommendations of the ADA Advisory Council before taking
22 action on initiatives that impact public transit riders.

23 (j) The Authority shall establish an Office of Disability
24 of Policy and Planning, whose initial responsibilities shall
25 include developing ADA-related training standards, complaint
26 and comment procedures, paratransit eligibility criteria, and

1 a regional Transit Accessibility Plan in collaboration with
2 the ADA Advisory Committee.

3 (k) Members of the ADA Advisory Council shall serve
4 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of
5 reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the performance of
6 their duties.

7 (l) ADA Advisory Council members are subject to public
8 transportation usage requirements applicable to Directors.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

10 (70 ILCS 3615/7.04)

11 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
12 delayed effective date)

13 Sec. 7.04. Riders Advisory Council.

14 (a) There is established a Riders Advisory Council. The
15 Board shall appoint at least 5 and not more than 15 members to
16 the Riders Advisory Council.

17 (b) The purpose of the Riders Advisory Council is to
18 advise the Board of the Authority on the impact of Authority
19 policies, programs, and public transportation services on
20 transit riders within the metropolitan region and to make
21 recommendations for how to improve public transportation in
22 the metropolitan region.

23 (c) The Board shall strive to assemble a Riders Advisory
24 Council that is reflective of the diversity of the
25 metropolitan region, the users of the various modes of public

1 transportation, and the interests of the residents of the
2 region in a strong public transportation system. The Board
3 shall strive to include people with disabilities and
4 disability advocates in the membership of the ADA Advisory
5 Council.

6 (d) Members of the Riders Advisory Council shall be
7 appointed to terms of 5 years, may be reappointed to serve
8 multiple terms, and may continue to serve after expiration of
9 their terms until their successors are appointed.

10 (e) The members of the Riders Advisory Council shall elect
11 a Chair, who shall preside over meetings, which shall occur
12 monthly or on such other schedule as is set by vote of the
13 Riders Advisory Council, and shall establish meeting agendas
14 in consultation with fellow Riders Advisory Council members
15 and the Authority.

16 (f) Meetings of the Riders Advisory Council shall be held
17 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and the public shall
18 be given an opportunity to attend and comment on matters
19 pertaining to the work of the Riders Advisory Council.

20 (g) The Authority shall designate one or more staff
21 liaisons to provide technical support for the Riders Advisory
22 Council and to facilitate direct communication between the
23 Riders Advisory Council and those in the Authority responsible
24 for delivering public transportation services.

25 (h) The Riders Advisory Council shall:

26 (1) review and comment on proposed Authority budgets,

1 financial plans, capital programs, fare policies, and
2 service standards;

3 (2) convey rider concerns pertaining to the quality,
4 efficiency, safety, accessibility, and equity of public
5 transportation services;

6 (3) assess the efficacy of Authority initiatives to
7 protect the safety of riders on the public transportation
8 system;

9 (4) prepare and convey recommendations to the
10 Authority for how the Authority can improve the quality,
11 efficiency, and equity of public transportation service in
12 the metropolitan region;

13 (5) serve as a resource for connecting riders and
14 rider advocacy organizations with those in the Authority
15 responsible for delivering public transportation services;

16 (6) advocate for funding, policies, and laws that
17 shall improve public transportation in the metropolitan
18 region; and

19 (7) serve as a resource for Authority staff to discuss
20 proposed changes to services, policies, and technologies
21 affecting transit riders before those changes are
22 Implemented.

23 (i) The Authority shall provide adequate technical support
24 so the Riders Advisory Council can function effectively,
25 provide regular briefing on service delivery issues and other
26 topics of interest for transit riders, make staff responsible

1 for delivery of public transportation services accessible to
2 the Riders Advisory Council, give the Riders Advisory Council
3 sufficient information and time to comment on proposed plans
4 and policies, and take into account the comments and
5 recommendations of the Riders Advisory Council before taking
6 action on initiatives that impact public transit riders.

7 (j) Members of the Riders Advisory Council shall serve
8 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of
9 reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the performance of
10 their duties.

11 (k) Riders Advisory Council members are subject to public
12 transportation system usage requirements applicable to
13 Directors.

14 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

15 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
16 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
17 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
18 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
19 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
20 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
21 Public Act.

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