



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1548

Introduced 2/15/2011, by Rep. Jack D. Franks

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3605/1.5 new
70 ILCS 3615/1.01a new
70 ILCS 3615/1.01b new

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that, by no later than July 1, 2012, the Regional Transportation Authority, Commuter Rail Division, Suburban Bus Division, and Chicago Transit Authority shall be consolidated into the Northeastern Transit Authority. Provides that the powers, duties, and obligations of the Regional Transportation Authority, Commuter Rail Division, Suburban Bus Division, and Chicago Transit Authority shall be exercised by the Northeastern Transit Authority. Creates the Northeastern Transit Authority. Sets forth the appointment and terms of the board members for the Northeastern Transit Authority. Provides that board members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
5 amended by adding Section 1.5 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. Consolidation of the Regional Transportation
8 Authority and the Service Boards. Notwithstanding any
9 provision of law to the contrary, by no later than July 1,
10 2012, the Regional Transportation Authority, Commuter Rail
11 Division, Suburban Bus Division, and Chicago Transit Authority
12 shall be consolidated into the Northeastern Transit Authority
13 created under Section 1.01b of the Regional Transportation
14 Authority Act. The powers, duties, and obligations of the
15 Regional Transportation Authority, Commuter Rail Division,
16 Suburban Bus Division, and Chicago Transit Authority shall be
17 vested in and exercised by the Northeastern Transit Authority.
18 The terms of the members of the Chicago Transit Board serving
19 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th
20 General Assembly end June 30, 2012 or when the Board of the
21 Northeastern Transit Authority is fully constituted, whichever
22 is earlier.

1 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
2 amended by adding Sections 1.01a and 1.01b as follows:

3 (70 ILCS 3615/1.01a new)

4 Sec. 1.01a. Consolidation of the Regional Transportation
5 Authority and the Service Boards. Notwithstanding any
6 provision of law to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2012, the
7 Regional Transportation Authority, Commuter Rail Division,
8 Suburban Bus Division, and Chicago Transit Authority shall be
9 consolidated into the Northeastern Transit Authority created
10 under Section 1.01b. The powers, duties, and obligations of the
11 Regional Transportation Authority, Commuter Rail Division,
12 Suburban Bus Division, and Chicago Transit Authority shall be
13 vested in and exercised by the Northeastern Transit Authority.
14 The terms of the directors of the Regional Transportation
15 Authority Board, Commuter Rail Board, and Suburban Bus Board
16 serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
17 97th General Assembly end June 30, 2012 or when the Board of
18 the Northeastern Transit Authority is fully constituted,
19 whichever is earlier.

20 (70 ILCS 3615/1.01b new)

21 Sec. 1.01b. Northeastern Transit Authority; board members.

22 (a) The Northeastern Transit Authority is created to
23 exercise the powers, duties, and obligations of the Regional
24 Transportation Authority and each of the Service Boards.

1 (b) The governing body of the Northeastern Transit
2 Authority shall be a board consisting of 16 members. The board
3 members shall be appointed as follows:

4 (1) 5 members appointed by the Mayor of the City of
5 Chicago with the advice and consent of the City Council of
6 the City of Chicago. Each appointee must reside within the
7 City of Chicago.

8 (2) 5 members appointed by the President of the Cook
9 County Board with the advice and consent of the members of
10 the Cook County Board. Each appointee must reside within
11 that part of Cook County outside of the corporate
12 boundaries of the City of Chicago.

13 (3) 5 members appointed by the Chairpersons of the
14 County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties
15 and the County Executive of Will County, as follows:

16 (A) One member appointed by the Chairperson of the
17 Kane County Board with the advice and consent of the
18 Kane County Board. The member must reside within Kane
19 County.

20 (B) One member appointed by the County Executive of
21 Will County with the advice and consent of the Will
22 County Board. The member must reside within Will
23 County.

24 (C) One member appointed by the Chairperson of the
25 DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the
26 DuPage County Board. The member must reside within

1 DuPage County.

2 (D) One member appointed by the Chairperson of the
3 Lake County Board with the advice and consent of the
4 Lake County Board. The member must reside within Lake
5 County.

6 (E) One member appointed by the Chairperson of the
7 McHenry County Board with the advice and consent of the
8 McHenry County Board. The member must reside within
9 McHenry County.

10 (c) The chairperson of the Board shall be appointed by the
11 other members, by the affirmative vote of at least 11 of the
12 members with at least 2 affirmative votes from members who
13 reside within the City of Chicago, at least 2 affirmative votes
14 from members who reside within Cook County outside the City of
15 Chicago, and at least 2 affirmative votes from members who
16 reside within the Counties of DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, or
17 McHenry. The chairperson shall not be appointed from among the
18 other members. The chairperson must reside within the
19 metropolitan region.

20 (d) Of the initial members, 5 members shall serve for a
21 2-year term, 5 members shall serve for a 3-year term, and 5
22 members and the chairperson shall serve for a 5-year term, as
23 determined by lot. Thereafter, all members shall serve for a
24 5-year term.

25 (e) A vacancy shall occur upon the resignation, death,
26 conviction of a felony, or removal from office of a member. Any

1 member may be removed from office upon concurrence of not less
2 than 11 members, on a formal finding of incompetence, neglect
3 of duty, or malfeasance in office. Within 30 days after the
4 office of any member becomes vacant for any reason, the
5 appointing authorities of that member shall make an appointment
6 to fill the vacancy. A vacancy shall be filled for the
7 unexpired term.

8 (f) Board members shall serve without compensation, but may
9 be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their
10 official duties. Board members may not receive pension benefits
11 or any other benefits for their service as a member of the
12 Board.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.