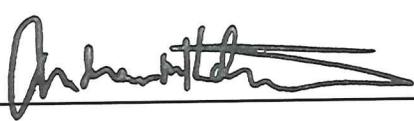


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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 468, LAWS OF 2010, TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT TASK FORCE AND TO REVISE THE DEADLINE FOR REPORTING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 1, Chapter 468, Laws of 2010, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) There is created the Public Transit Task Force to study and make recommendations with regard to present and future needs of public transportation in Mississippi. The task force shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature during the 2012 and 2013 Regular Legislative Sessions.

(2) The task force shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The Chairman of the House Transportation Committee;

(b) The Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee;

(c) One (1) member of the House appointed by the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee;

(d) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee;

(e) Two (2) members of the Mississippi Public Transportation Association appointed by the association's executive director;

(f) The Director of the Public Transit Division of the Mississippi Department of Transportation;

(g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, or his designee;

(h) The Executive Director of the Southern High-Speed Rail Commission, or his designee;

(i) Three (3) persons appointed by the Governor, one (1) from a consumer advisory group composed of citizens who use that public transit on a regular basis, one (1) from the Mississippi State University department; or disciplines that study public transportation; and one (1) who represents either a metropolitan planning organization or a planning and development district; and

(j) One (1) member appointed by the AARP.

(3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act, and, within fifteen (15) days thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Chair of the House Transportation Committee and the Chair of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, the task force shall meet and organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The vice chairman shall also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all records of the task force. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the task force shall be required. All members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, such notices to be electronically transmitted or mailed at least seven (7) days before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

(4) The task force shall be assisted by administrative and legal staff members of the Legislature and any other staff assistance requested of the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Mississippi Development Authority. To effectuate the purposes of this section, any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or of any

political subdivision thereof, at the request of the chairman of the task force, shall provide to the task force such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task force properly to carry out its duties.

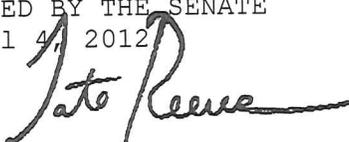
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 15, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 4, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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