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AB-354 Sacramento Regional Transit District: board of directors: membership. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 354

CHAPTER 35

An act to amend Section 102100.3 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 354, Stephanie Nguyen. Sacramento Regional Transit District: board of directors: membership.

Existing law authorizes the formation of the Sacramento Regional Transit District with various powers and duties with respect to transportation planning, programming, construction, and operations. Existing law vests the government of the district in a board of directors and prescribes procedures for increasing the number of members of the board of directors, including authorizing each member entity to make one appointment to the board, as specified.

This bill would authorize the City of Elk Grove to instead appoint 2 members to the board, as specified.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Elk Grove.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 102100.3 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:

102100.3. The number of members of the board of directors shall be increased as follows:

(a) (1) Each member entity that is annexed after initial formation of the district as set out in Section 102100.2 may appoint one member to the board, except as specified in paragraph (2).

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for so long as the City of Elk Grove remains annexed into the district, the City of Elk Grove may appoint two members to the board.

(b) A city or county that is not annexed to the district may become a participating entity that may appoint at least one member to the board if the participating entity enters into an agreement with the district that provides for all of the following:

(1) The participating entity agrees to pay its proportionate share of the district's cost to provide rail or other districtwide transit services.

(2) The district agrees to maintain a specified level of rail or other districtwide transit services.

(3) The district is not obligated to provide transit services to any particular location or along any particular route.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique circumstances applicable to the City of Elk Grove: In 2000 when the City of Elk Grove was incorporated, the city had a population of 81,663, and, as part of its incorporation, the city was given one seat on the Sacramento Regional Transit District's board of directors; however, 23 years later, the city is now uniquely situated because the city's population has grown to 178,997, according to the 2021 census, and, given that population increase, the city should have additional representation on the board.