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TRANSIT DISTRICT AMENDMENTS
2023 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson
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General Description:
This bill amends provisions related to the membership of a board of trustees of a small
public transit district.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
requires relevant political subdivisions to enact a governing ordinance related to a
small public transit district to establish methods for appointment and apportionment
of membership on the board of trustees of the small public transit district;
<ul> <li>allows a small public transit district to have a board of trustees between five and</li> </ul>
nine members; and
<ul> <li>makes technical changes.</li> </ul>
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
AMENDS:
17B-2a-807, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 330, 424
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 17B-2a-807 is amended to read:
17B-2a-807. Small public transit district board of trustees Appointment

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30	Apportionment Qualifications Quorum Compensation Terms.
31	(1) (a) For a small public transit district, the board of trustees shall consist of members
32	appointed by the legislative bodies of each municipality, county, or unincorporated area within
33	any county [on the basis of one member for each full unit of regularly scheduled passenger
34	routes proposed to be served by the district in each municipality or unincorporated area within
35	any county in the following calendar year].
36	[(b) For purposes of determining membership under Subsection (1)(a), the number of
37	service miles comprising a unit shall be determined jointly by the legislative bodies of the
38	municipalities or counties comprising the district.]
39	(b) The legislative bodies of each municipality, county, or unincorporated area within
40	any county shall establish a governing ordinance for the small public transit district, which
41	shall include:
42	(i) the method for apportioning representation on the board of trustees among the
43	relevant municipalities, counties, or unincorporated areas of any counties within the boundary
44	of the small public transit district;
45	(ii) subject to Subsection (1)(c), the number of members of the board of trustees;
46	(iii) the method for reapportionment of representation on the board of trustees based on
47	changes in the boundary of the small public transit district; and
48	(iv) other aspects of appointment and apportionment of membership of the board of
49	trustees as necessary.
50	(c) A board of trustees of a small public transit district may have membership of not
51	less than five and not more than nine members.
52	[(c)] (d) The board of trustees of a public transit district under this section may include
53	a member that is a commissioner on the Transportation Commission created in Section
54	72-1-301 and appointed as provided in Subsection (8), who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex
55	officio member.
56	[(d) Members appointed under this section shall be appointed and added to the board of
57	omitted from the board at the time scheduled routes are changed, or as municipalities, counties,

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or unincorporated areas of counties annex to or withdraw from the district using the same appointment procedures.]

- [(e) For purposes of appointing members under this section, municipalities, counties, and unincorporated areas of counties in which regularly scheduled passenger routes proposed to be served by the district in the following calendar year is less than a full unit, as defined in Subsection (1)(b), may combine with any other similarly situated municipality or unincorporated area to form a whole unit and may appoint one member for each whole unit formed.]
- (2) Upon the completion of an annexation to a public transit district under Chapter 1, Part 4, Annexation, [the annexed area shall have a representative on the board of trustees on the same basis as if the area had been included in the district as originally organized] membership on the board of trustees of the small public transit district shall reapportion membership as described in the governing ordinance enacted pursuant to Subsection (1)(b).
- (3) (a) Vacancies for members shall be filled by the official appointing the member creating the vacancy for the unexpired term, unless the official fails to fill the vacancy within 90 days.
- (b) If the appointing official under Subsection (1) does not fill the vacancy within 90 days, the board of trustees of the [authority] small public transit district shall fill the vacancy.
- (4) (a) Each voting member may cast one vote on all questions, orders, resolutions, and ordinances coming before the board of trustees.
- (b) A majority of all voting members of the board of trustees are a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (c) The affirmative vote of a majority of all voting members present at any meeting at which a quorum was initially present shall be necessary and, except as otherwise provided, is sufficient to carry any order, resolution, ordinance, or proposition before the board of trustees.
- (5) Each public transit district shall pay to each member per diem and travel expenses for meetings actually attended, in accordance with Section 11-55-103.
  - (6) (a) Members of the initial board of trustees shall convene at the time and place

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86 fixed by the chief executive officer of the entity initiating the proceedings.

(b) The board of trustees shall elect from its voting membership a chair, vice chair, and secretary.

- (c) The members elected under Subsection (6)(b) shall serve for a period of two years or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.
- (d) [On or after January 1, 2011, a]  $\underline{A}$  locally elected public official is not eligible to serve as the chair, vice chair, or secretary of the board of trustees.
- (7) (a) Except as otherwise authorized under Subsection (7)(b), at the time of a member's appointment or during a member's tenure in office, a member may not hold any employment, except as an independent contractor or locally elected public official, with a county or municipality within the district.
- (b) A member appointed by a county or municipality may hold employment with the county or municipality if the employment is disclosed in writing and the public transit district board of trustees ratifies the appointment.
- (8) The Transportation Commission created in Section 72-1-301 may appoint a commissioner of the Transportation Commission to serve on the board of trustees of a small public transit district as a nonvoting, ex officio member.
- (9) (a) (i) Each member of the board of trustees of a public transit district is subject to recall at any time by the legislative body of the county or municipality from which the member is appointed.
- (ii) Each recall of a board of trustees member shall be made in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (iii) The legislative body recalling a board of trustees member shall provide written notice to the member being recalled.
- (b) Upon providing written notice to the board of trustees, a member of the board may resign from the board of trustees.
- (c) If a board member is recalled or resigns under this Subsection (9), the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Subsection (3).

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