

By the Committee on Community Affairs and Senator Forman

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to metropolitan planning organizations; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; amending provisions prescribing the voting membership of an M.P.O.; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.--It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and promote the development of transportation systems embracing various modes of transportation in a manner that will maximize the mobility of people and goods within and through urbanized areas of this state and minimize, to the maximum extent feasible, and together with applicable regulatory government agencies, transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution. To accomplish these objectives, metropolitan planning organizations, referred to in this section as M.P.O.'s, shall develop, in cooperation with the state, transportation plans and programs for metropolitan areas. Such plans and programs must provide for the development of transportation facilities that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan area. The process for developing such plans and programs shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems.

(2) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.--

1 (a) The voting membership of an M.P.O. shall consist
2 of not fewer than 5 or more than 19 apportioned members, the
3 exact number to be determined on an equitable
4 geographic-population ratio basis by the Governor, based on an
5 agreement among the affected units of general-purpose local
6 government as required by federal rules and regulations. The
7 Governor, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. s. 134, as amended by
8 the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991,
9 may also provide for M.P.O. members who represent
10 municipalities to alternate with representatives from other
11 municipalities within the designated urban area that do not
12 have members on the M.P.O. County commission members shall
13 compose not less than one-third of the M.P.O. membership,
14 except for an M.P.O. with more than 15 members located in a
15 county with a five-member county commission or an M.P.O. with
16 19 members located in a county with no more than 6 county
17 commissioners, in which case county commission members may
18 compose less than one-third percent of the M.P.O. membership,
19 but all county commissioners must be members. A county
20 commission having fewer than seven members may have one less
21 member than is required by this section during any
22 apportionment period upon the approval of the county
23 commission and its respective M.P.O. Any such approval expires
24 at the time of the next M.P.O. reapportionment. All voting
25 members shall be elected officials of general-purpose
26 governments, except that an M.P.O. may include, as part of its
27 apportioned voting members, a member of a statutorily
28 authorized planning board or an official of an agency that
29 operates or administers a major mode of transportation. In
30 metropolitan areas in which authorities or other agencies have
31 been, or may be, created by law to perform transportation

1 functions that are not under the jurisdiction of a
2 general-purpose local government represented on the M.P.O.,
3 they shall be provided voting membership on the M.P.O. The
4 county commission shall compose not less than 20 percent of
5 the M.P.O. membership if an official of an agency that
6 operates or administers a major mode of transportation has
7 been appointed to an M.P.O.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
12 Senate Bill 1578

13 Narrows application of the exception to county commissions
14 with fewer than seven members.

15 Clarifies application of the exception only during an
16 apportionment period and only upon approval of the county
17 commission and its respective M.P.O.