

CHAPTER 656

S.B. No. 212

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of subregional transportation authorities in contiguous cities of certain regional transportation authorities and the conditions under which and date that an election may be held by a contiguous city to withdraw from an authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 24, Chapter 683, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1979, as amended (Article 1118y, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (l) to read as follows:

(a) Nothing contained in this Act shall require any city with a population in excess of 150,000, according to the most recent *population estimates of the appropriate metropolitan planning organization* [~~federal census~~] and with boundaries contiguous to a principal city [~~with a population less than 800,000 according to the most recent federal census~~], or any city with boundaries contiguous to a principal city and with boundaries extending into two or more adjacent counties, two of which counties include a principal city, to be a part of or participate in the regional transportation authority provided herein. Such cities shall be called "contiguous cities."

(l) (1) *A confirmation election held under the provisions of Subsection (h) of this section may not be held on the same day as a withdrawal election held in accordance with Section 9A of this Act.*

(2) *A confirmation election held by a contiguous city under the provisions of Subsection (h) of this section after its withdrawal from a regional transportation authority section may only be held if:*

(A) *a regional transportation authority in which the city had participated was abolished by act of the legislature or by a vote of the voters of the entire service area;*
or

(B) *the sales tax authorized to be collected by a regional transportation authority in which it formerly was a member was modified in a manner that would reduce its annual revenue yield by one-half or more.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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