

SB150_L.029

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

SB26-150 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 6, line 24, strike "SENATE BILL 26-___" and
2 substitute "SENATE BILL 26-150, ENACTED IN 2026,".

3 Page 7, line 3, after "2025-2026" insert "ACCOUNTABILITY".

4 Page 7, line 5, strike "SENATE BILL 26 ___." and substitute "SENATE BILL
5 26-150, ENACTED IN 2026.".

6 Page 7, after line 5 insert:

7 **"SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-103, **add** (9.5)
8 as follows:

9 **32-9-103. Definitions.**

10 As used in this article 9, unless the context otherwise requires:

11 (9.5) "PARATRANSIT" OR "PARATRANSIT SERVICE" MEANS
12 COMPLEMENTARY PARALLEL TRANSIT SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
13 DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO UTILIZE REGULAR OR FIXED-ROUTE
14 TRANSIT SERVICE FOR SOME OR ALL OF THEIR TRANSIT NEEDS.".

15 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

16 Page 7, lines 6 and 7, strike "(3)(c), (3)(d), and (3)(e)" and substitute
17 "(2.5), (3)(c), and (3)(d)".

18 Page 7, line 9, after "**analysis**" insert " - **accessible transportation**
19 **service plan**".

20 Page 7, strike line 11 and substitute:

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22 **"(2.5) Paratransit service study and accessible transportation**
23 **service plan**.".

24 Page 7, line 12, strike "(c)" and substitute "(a)".

25 Page 7, line 14, strike "STUDY AND SHALL SUBMIT THE" and substitute
26 "STUDY. THE STUDY MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 2027.".

27 Page 7, strike lines 15 through 20.

28 Page 7, line 21, strike "ENERGY COMMITTEE.".

1 Page 8, line 4, after "LOSS" insert "OF".

2 Page 9, line 3, strike "(d)" and substitute "(b)".

3 Page 9, strike lines 6 through 9 and substitute "PARATRANSIT SERVICE
4 STUDY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION."

5 Page 9, line 10, strike "COMPLETING THE PLAN."

6 Page 9, after line 24 insert:

7 **"(3) Reports.**

8 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2028, THE DISTRICT SHALL
9 PRESENT THE PARATRANSIT SERVICE STUDY AND ACCESSIBLE
10 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PLAN TO A JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
12 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
13 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES."

14 Page 9, line 25, strike "(e)" and substitute "(d)".

15 Page 10, line 5, strike "COMMITTEE." and substitute "COMMITTEE,
16 CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-124, AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL ON
17 JULY 1, 2026."

18 Page 10, line 7, strike "(1)(a);" and substitute "(1)(a) and (4);".

19 Page 11, after line 20 insert:

20 "(4) (a) Except as provided in this subsection (4), the regular term
21 of office of directors shall be four years.

22 (b) At the election held in 1982, eight members of the board shall
23 be elected for two-year terms. The two-year terms shall be determined by
24 lot at the first meeting of the board following the apportionment of
25 director districts. Seven members shall be elected for four-year terms.

26 (c) AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN NOVEMBER 2028, TWO OF
27 THE FIVE MEMBERS ELECTED WILL BE ELECTED TO TWO-YEAR TERMS. THE
28 TWO-YEAR TERMS WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOT DURING THE
29 APPORTIONMENT PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS
30 SECTION."

31 Page 12, after line 3 insert:

1 **"SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 32-9-109.5** as
2 follows:

3 **32-9-111.5. Appointment of directors - dates - terms -**
4 **vacancies - removal.**

5 (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL
6 ELECTION, BEGINNING IN 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT BOARD
7 MEMBERS WHO MUST SUBSEQUENTLY BE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. THE
8 APPOINTED MEMBERS' TERMS COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING
9 THEIR APPOINTMENT IN THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR. THE GOVERNOR
10 SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
11 SECTION:

12 (I) ONE MEMBER FROM A LIST OF NOMINEES PROVIDED BY THE
13 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
14 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION;

15 (II) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE
16 UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT OF
17 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT; AND

18 (III) TWO MEMBERS AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION AND IN
19 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

20 (b) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2029, THE FOUR APPOINTED
21 MEMBERS SHALL EACH RESIDE WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND REPRESENT THE
22 DISTRICT AT LARGE.

23 (c) IN 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT FOUR NEW BOARD
24 MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2029. IN EACH
25 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO
26 MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION TO REPLACE THE TWO
27 MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS ARE SET TO EXPIRE THE FOLLOWING JANUARY 1.

28 (2) (a) WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
29 ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTED MEMBERS REPRESENT DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC
30 AREAS OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING SUBURBAN COUNTIES, AND THAT THE
31 FOUR MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY POSSESS EXPERTISE RELATED TO THE
32 FOLLOWING AREAS:

33 (I) PUBLIC FINANCE, SUCH AS OPERATING AND CAPITAL
34 BUDGETING, FARE REVENUE AND SUBSIDY STRUCTURES, CAPITAL
35 PROGRAM DELIVERY, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND LIFECYCLE CAPITAL
36 PLANNING, OR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
37 SYSTEM;

38 (II) LAND USE AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING,
39 SUCH AS TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING, OR
40 URBAN AND RURAL MOBILITY;

41 (III) TRANSIT OPERATIONS, SUCH AS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
42 MANAGEMENT, FLEET OPERATIONS, SCHEDULING, OR SYSTEM
43 PERFORMANCE; AND

1 (IV) TRANSIT AGENCY PROGRAMS SERVING DISPROPORTIONATELY
2 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-4-109
3 (2)(b)(II).

4 (b) THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO
5 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE AND A BACKGROUND IN MULTIPLE
6 AREAS LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), BUT A MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE
7 BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO POSSESS
8 EXPERTISE IN MORE THAN ONE AREA LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

9 (3) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3),
10 THE REGULAR TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR
11 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS
12 FOUR YEARS. MEMBERS MAY SERVE UP TO TWO TERMS, WITH EACH TERM
13 EXPIRING AFTER A MEMBER HAS SERVED FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE
14 CALENDAR YEARS. ANY TERM SERVED BY A MEMBER THAT LASTS FOR LESS
15 THAN TWO YEARS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE MEMBER'S TWO-TERM
16 LIMIT.

17 (b) OF THE INITIALLY APPOINTED MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS BEGIN
18 ON JANUARY 1, 2029, THE TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED AT THE GOVERNOR'S
19 DISCRETION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) OF THIS
20 SECTION SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

21 (4) (a) (I) BEGINNING IN 2028, NO FEWER THAN THIRTY DAYS
22 BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION IN AN
23 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
24 GOVERNMENTS SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A LIST OF NOMINEES
25 FOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS, FROM WHICH THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT
26 A MEMBER TO APPOINT TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I)
27 OF THIS SECTION. THE LIST MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED
28 NOMINEES. IF THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FAILS
29 TO PROVIDE A LIST WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME FRAME, THE GOVERNOR
30 MAY APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION
31 AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

32 (II) WHEN SELECTING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE LIST OF NOMINEES,
33 THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL:

34 (A) CONSIDER AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE
35 EXPERIENCE AND A BACKGROUND IN MULTIPLE AREAS LISTED IN
36 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION; AND

37 (B) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE NOMINEES
38 REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE
39 DISTRICT'S RIDERSHIP AND SERVICE AREA AND THAT THE NOMINEE LIST
40 INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS FROM DIVERSE RACIAL, CULTURAL, DISABILITY,
41 AND GENDER BACKGROUNDS AND INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING BOTH
42 URBAN AND SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

43 (b) BEGINNING IN 2028, NO FEWER THAN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE

1 DAY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION IN AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR,
2 THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT
3 OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A
4 LIST OF AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR THE MEMBER
5 APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (5) (a) IF THE SEAT OF A MEMBER THAT WAS APPOINTED IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS VACANT, THE
8 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY
9 DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH
10 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A LIST OF
11 AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR THE VACANT MEMBER SEAT.
12 THE GOVERNOR SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE LIST OR
13 SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS, WHICHEVER IS LATER, APPOINT
14 A MEMBER FROM THE LIST TO FILL THE VACANCY. IF THE DENVER
15 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FAILS TO PROVIDE A LIST WITHIN
16 THE REQUIRED TIME FRAME, THE GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A MEMBER TO
17 FILL THE VACANCY AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION AND IN COMPLIANCE
18 WITH THIS SECTION.

19 (b) IF THE SEAT OF A MEMBER THAT WAS APPOINTED IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION IS VACANT,
21 THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT
22 OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE
23 VACANCY OCCURS, PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A LIST OF AT LEAST
24 THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR THE VACANT MEMBER SEAT. THE
25 GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN
26 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

27 (c) IF THE SEAT OF A MEMBER THAT WAS APPOINTED IN
28 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION IS VACANT,
29 THE GOVERNOR SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS,
30 APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY AT THE GOVERNOR'S
31 DISCRETION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

32 (d) THE TERM OF A MEMBER THAT FILLS A VACANCY IN
33 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (5) EXPIRES WHEN THE TERM OF THE
34 FORMER VACATING MEMBER WOULD HAVE EXPIRED.

35 (6) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER APPOINTED IN
36 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE, NEGLECT
37 OF DUTY, FAILURE TO REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS, OR ANY OTHER
38 CAUSE THAT RENDERS THE MEMBER INCAPABLE OR UNFIT TO DISCHARGE
39 THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD. IF ANY MEMBER IS ABSENT FROM TWO
40 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE, AS DETERMINED
41 BY THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON, THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE
42 GOVERNOR, WHO MAY REMOVE THE ABSENT MEMBER AND APPOINT A
43 QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

1 (7) A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE
2 WITH THIS SECTION SHALL DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF
3 INTEREST TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE RELEVANT SENATE COMMITTEE OF
4 REFERENCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION BY THE
5 SENATE AND SHALL DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS THAT ARISE DURING THE
6 MEMBER'S TERM AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING. FAILURE TO DISCLOSE A
7 KNOWN CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OR TAKING ACTION ON A MATTER IN
8 WHICH THE MEMBER HAS AN UNDISCLOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
9 CONSTITUTES CAUSE FOR REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO
10 SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION."

11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

12 Page 12, line 6, after "**Vacancies**" insert "**of elected members**".

13 Page 13, line 19, strike "(3)" and substitute "(3); and **add (4)**".

14 Page 13, line 22, strike "Effective January 1, 1983," and substitute
15 "**Effective** ON AND AFTER January 1, 1983, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1,
16 2029," and strike "shall require" and substitute "~~shall require~~ **REQUIRES**".

17 Page 13, line 23, strike "~~eight~~ FIVE" and substitute "eight".

18 Page 13, after line 23 insert:

19 "(4) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2029, ANY ACTION OF THE BOARD
20 REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT
21 AND VOTING."

22 Page 13, line 24, after "**amend**" insert "(1) and".

23 Page 13, after line 26 insert:

24 "~~(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section,~~
25 Effective January 1, 1983, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, each director
26 shall receive a sum of three thousand dollars per annum."

27 Page 14, strike lines 8 through 16 and substitute "EACH DIRECTOR WHOSE
28 TERM BEGINS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2029, RECEIVES A SUM OF
29 THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM, PAYABLE AT THE RATE OF
30 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH."

31 Page 14, line 18, strike "AFTER THE" and substitute "ON OR AFTER

- 1 JANUARY 1, 2029, RECEIVES AN ANNUAL SUM, PAYABLE IN MONTHLY
2 INSTALLMENTS,".
- 3 Page 14, strike line 19.
- 4 Page 14, strike line 24 and substitute "(5) as follows:".
- 5 Page 14, line 25, strike "**powers.**" and substitute "**powers - reports.**".
- 6 Page 15, line 4, strike "PERSONS, FIVE OF" and substitute "INDIVIDUALS AS
7 FOLLOWS:
- 8 (I) FIVE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN A DIRECTOR
9 DISTRICT, ELECTED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32-9-111; AND
- 10 (II) FOUR ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND
11 REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT AT LARGE, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR
12 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
13 32-9-111.5".
- 14 Page 15, strike lines 5 through 8.
- 15 Page 15, line 9, strike "FIVE".
- 16 Page 15, line 26, strike "STRATEGIC PLAN;" and substitute "TEN-YEAR
17 STRATEGIC PLAN SET FORTH IN SECTION 32-9-165 (1);".
- 18 Page 16, strike lines 6 through 27.
- 19 Strike pages 17 through 20.
- 20 Page 21, strike lines 1 through 19.
- 21 Page 21, line 20, strike "(12)" and substitute "(5)".
- 22 Page 21, lines 22 and 23, strike "SENATE BILL 26-150" and substitute
23 "THIS SENATE BILL 26-150, ENACTED IN 2026,".
- 24 Page 22, line 2, strike "SUBSECTION (11)(a)" and substitute "SUBSECTION
25 (5)(a)".
- 26 Page 22, line 3, after "ON" insert "OR AFTER".
- 27 Page 22, line 4, strike "WILL" and substitute "SHALL".

1 Page 22, line 7, strike "AUGUST 1, 2044," and substitute "OR BEFORE
2 JANUARY 31, 2045,".

3 Page 22, line 13, strike "SUBSECTION (11)(b) OF THIS SECTION." and
4 substitute "THIS SUBSECTION (5)."

5 Page 22, lines 18 and 19, strike "AUGUST 1, 2044" and substitute
6 "AUGUST 1, 2044,".

7 Page 22, lines 19 and 20, strike "AND SENATE TRANSPORTATION
8 COMMITTEES." and substitute "OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION,
9 HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
10 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
11 COMMITTEES.".

12 Page 22, strike lines 24 through 26 and substitute:

13 "(1) ~~No~~ A director, officer, employee, or agent of the district shall
14 ~~be interested~~ NOT HAVE AN INTEREST in any contract or transaction with
15 the district except in ~~his~~ AN official representative capacity.".

16 Strike "JANUARY 1, 2029" and substitute "JANUARY 1, 2029," on: **Page**
17 **21**, line 24; and **Page 22**, line 18.

18 Strike "JANUARY 1, 2019" and substitute "JANUARY 1, 2019," on: **Page**
19 **22**, lines 5 and 12.

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