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HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

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RAILROADS: Adds the state of Texas as a member of the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1671(A), (B), and (C)(1), relative to the Southern Rapid Rail
3 Transit Compact; to add the state of Texas to the compact; to provide for
4 representation on the Southern High-Speed Rail Commission; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:1671(A), (B), and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §1671. Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact

10 A. The purpose of this compact is to study the feasibility of rapid transit
11 service between the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama and to
12 establish a joint interstate commission to assist in this effort.

13 B. This compact shall become effective immediately as to the states ratifying
14 it whenever the states of Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, and Mississippi have ratified
15 it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any state not mentioned in this article
16 which is contiguous to any member state may become a party to this compact,
17 subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member states.

18 C.(1) The states that are parties to this compact (hereinafter referred to as
19 party states) do hereby establish and create a joint agency, which shall be known as
20 the Southern High-Speed Rail Commission (hereinafter referred to as the

1 commission). The membership of the commission shall consist of the governor of
2 each party state, one representative each from the Mississippi Energy and
3 Transportation Board or its successor, the Louisiana Department of Transportation
4 and Development or its successor, the Texas Transportation Commission or its
5 successor, and the conservation division of the Alabama Department of Energy or
6 its successor; and five other citizens of each party state, to be appointed by the
7 governor thereof. The appointive members of the commission shall serve for terms
8 of four years each. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by appointment by
9 the governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

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11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective if and when the state of Texas adopts the
12 Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds Texas as a member of the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact.

Present law provides for the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact and the Southern High-Speed Rail Commission. Provides that the states of La., Miss., and Ala. are current members.

Proposed law adds the state of Texas to the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact and a representative to the commission.

Effective if and when the state of Texas adopts the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Compact.

(Amends R.S. 48:1671(A), (B), and (C)(1))