

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

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
11   339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.--It is the  
13   intent of the Legislature to encourage and promote the  
14   development of transportation systems embracing various modes  
15   of transportation in a manner that will maximize the mobility  
16   of people and goods within and through urbanized areas of this  
17   state and minimize, to the maximum extent feasible, and  
18   together with applicable regulatory government agencies,  
19   transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution. To  
20   accomplish these objectives, metropolitan planning  
21   organizations, referred to in this section as M.P.O.'s, shall  
22   develop, in cooperation with the state, transportation plans  
23   and programs for metropolitan areas. Such plans and programs  
24   must provide for the development of transportation facilities  
25   that will function as an intermodal transportation system for  
26   the metropolitan area. The process for developing such plans  
27   and programs shall be continuing, cooperative, and  
28   comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the  
29   complexity of the transportation problems.

30           (2) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.--

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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 more than five 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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