

By Representative Bainter

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to metropolitan planning
3 organizations; amending s. 339.175, F.S.;
4 authorizing additional voting members for
5 certain metropolitan planning organizations and
6 providing requirements with respect thereto;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of
12 section 339.175, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.--It is the
14 intent of the Legislature to encourage and promote the safe
15 and efficient management, operation, and development of
16 surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility
17 needs of people and freight within and through urbanized areas
18 of this state while minimizing transportation-related fuel
19 consumption and air pollution. To accomplish these objectives,
20 metropolitan planning organizations, referred to in this
21 section as M.P.O.'s, shall develop, in cooperation with the
22 state and public transit operators, transportation plans and
23 programs for metropolitan areas. The plans and programs for
24 each metropolitan area must provide for the development and
25 integrated management and operation of transportation systems
26 and facilities, including pedestrian walkways and bicycle
27 transportation facilities that will function as an intermodal
28 transportation system for the metropolitan area. The process
29 for developing such plans and programs shall provide for
30 consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be
31 continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive, to the degree

1 appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation
2 problems to be addressed.
3 (2) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.--
4 (e) Any other provision of this section to the
5 contrary notwithstanding, an M.P.O. whose jurisdiction
6 encompasses all of three counties may have a total of 21
7 voting members, which shall include officials of agencies
8 created by statute or under the authority of a municipal
9 charter that operate or administer a major mode of
10 transportation by air, without regard to whether such agencies
11 are under the jurisdiction of a general-purpose local
12 government.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
14 law.

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16 HOUSE SUMMARY

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18 Authorizes metropolitan planning organizations that
19 encompass all of three counties to have 21 voting
20 members, including officials of specified air
21 transportation agencies.
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