Overview

This bill abolishes regional rail authorities in the metropolitan area.

Section

1 Metropolitan governmental unit. Deletes regional rail authorities from the definition of "metropolitan governmental unit" in state ethics law.

2 Economic analysis. Deletes a reference to regional rail authorities in the law that requires economic analysis of alternatives to highways in the metropolitan area.

3 Tax notice. Deletes references to levies of regional rail authorities in the seven metropolitan counties in the law governing notices of property taxes.

4 Regional rail authorities. Amends the law that authorizes counties to establish regional rail authorities to specify that it applies only to counties located outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

5 Abolition of metropolitan regional rail authorities. Abolishes regional rail authorities in the metropolitan area. Transfers their property to the establishing counties. Provides that outstanding bonds of regional rail authorities must be retired by the respective counties.

Abolishes the light rail transit joint powers board, which is composed of the metropolitan regional rail authorities.

6 Light rail transit plan. Transfers from regional rail authorities to counties the responsibility of acting in conformity with the metropolitan council's light rail transit plan.

7 Integrated transportation system. Deletes a reference to regional rail authorities from the law that requires light rail transit to be integrated into the regional transportation system.

12812 Light rail design plans. Deletes references to regional rail authorities and the light rail joint powers board in the law governing design plans for light rail transit.
1998 appropriations. Transfers from regional rail authorities to counties the eligibility to receive commuter rail planning grants authorized by the 1998 capital investment bill.

Repealer. Repeals the law that establishes the light rail transit joint powers board.

Applicability. Specifies that the bill applies in the seven metropolitan counties.

Effective date. Makes the bill effective July 1, 1999.