

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2000

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2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; Appointments.

5. Summary: The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) was established by the General Assembly in 1964. The Commission contains 20 members. Nine members represent the local governments of Arlington (3), Fairfax (5), and Loudon (1), two senators and four delegates represent the General Assembly and one member, currently the director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), represents the Secretary of Transportation. The NVTC allocates state, regional, and federal transit assistance each year among the member jurisdictions, co-owns the Virginia Railway Express and appoints Virginia's representatives to the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

The proposed legislation would authorize the Governor to appoint an additional member to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. Such an appointee is to reside within the jurisdiction of the NVTC and have significant experience in mass transit planning, finance, engineering, construction, or management. The bill also directs the NVTC to appoint one of the Governor's appointments to the board of directors of WMATA as a principal member and the other as an alternate member. Virginia has two principle members and two alternates on the board.

Recent federal legislation requires Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to each provide \$50 million to WMATA to match \$150 million in federal funding for the next ten years for capital needs. With this contribution, the Commonwealth of Virginia is a major contributor to WMATA, but Virginia's representatives on the WMATA board are local government appointees. The bill would direct that the Governor's appointees fill one principle and one alternate member position.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** Citizens appointed to executive branch commissions are eligible for the reimbursement of necessary expenses, although this cost should be minimal.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.
- 11. Other Comments:** The proposed legislation authorizes the Governor to directly appoint one member to the NVTC. The amendments to subsection B refer to two appointments to the NVTC made by the Governor. It is not clear if the amendments are referring to the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, who is an ex-officio member of the NVTC. The Secretary of Transportation, who is appointed to that role by the Governor, serves as Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. However, the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's designee, the Director of DRPT, currently serves on the NVTC.

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