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**SENATE BILL NO. 1459**

Offered January 27, 2015

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-2604 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voting of the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; public comment.*

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Patrons—McWaters, Wagner and Cosgrove

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Unanimous consent to introduce

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Referred to Committee on Transportation**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 33.2-2604 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 33.2-2604. Decisions of Commission.**

A. A majority of the Commission, which majority shall include at least a majority of the chief elected officers of the counties and cities embraced by the Commission, shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Commission shall require a quorum and shall be in accordance with voting procedures established by the Commission. In all cases, decisions of the Commission shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Commission present and voting, and two-thirds of the chief elected officers of the counties and cities embraced by Planning District 23 who are present and voting and whose counties and cities include at least two-thirds of the population embraced by the Commission; however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county or city whose chief elected officer's sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the population criterion. The population of counties and cities embraced by the Commission shall be the population as determined by the most recently preceding decennial census, except that on July 1 of the fifth year following such census, the population of each county and city shall be adjusted, based on population projections made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

B. Prior to any vote taken pursuant to subsection A, the members of the Commission shall provide the opportunity for at least five minutes of public comment.

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