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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REFORMS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**
102 **TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill changes requirements for the regional transportation district (RTD). **Section 3** requires RTD, on or before December 31, 2027, to contract with a third party to complete and submit to the general assembly a comprehensive analysis and planning effort that informs a holistic vision and plan for providing service to riders with disabilities in the district and that includes:

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- A needs assessment of the population, needs, and service gaps for riders with disabilities in the district;
- An assessment of possible improvements to the integration of access-a-ride and access-on-demand paratransit services;
- An assessment of opportunities for the district to collaborate with local and regional partners to address service gaps;
- Engagement with paratransit users, riders with disabilities, service providers, and other key stakeholders;
- The establishment of an overarching framework and goals to guide future paratransit decision-making;
- A plan for fiscal sustainability that is informed by considerations of long-term cost projections, tradeoffs between services, and peer agency comparisons; and
- An assessment and plans for the use of any innovative and technology-enabled service models.

Section 4 changes elections for RTD board members (members) for the November 2028 election by requiring the office of legislative legal services and the legislative council staff to apportion the composition of the board so that the 5 elected directors will represent, to the extent practical, the people of the district on the basis of population. After the federal census in 2030, and after each federal census thereafter, the independent legislative redistricting commission is required to apportion the composition of the board so that the 5 elected directors will represent, to the extent practical, the people of the district on the basis of population. The office of legislative legal services, the legislative council staff, and the independent legislative redistricting commission are required to take into account the most recently available district ridership numbers when drawing director districts. Members elected from newly drawn districts may serve up to 2 4-year terms.

Section 5 makes conforming changes.

Section 6 specifies that the board may elect one member as chairperson of the board to serve for a term of 2 years, elect one member as chairperson pro tempore of the board, and elect one or more individuals as secretary and treasurer of the board. **Section 7** changes the number of members that constitutes a quorum of the RTD board from 8 to 5.

Section 8 changes the salary for a member that is not selected as board chairperson and is elected or appointed in 2028 or later from \$12,000 to \$36,000 annually, adjusted for inflation or deflation. The salary for a board chairperson selected after the general election in November 2028 equals 150% of the salary of a member who is not selected as board chairperson.

Section 9 changes the composition of the RTD board. Current law provides for 15 board members, all of whom are elected. The bill

provides that, beginning January 1, 2029, the current members' terms will expire and the terms of 9 new members will begin, with 5 of those members being elected and 4 being appointed by the governor. Of the 4 newly appointed members:

- 2 must be appointed from a list of nominees provided by the Denver regional council of governments; and
- 2 must be appointed at the governor's discretion.

On and after January 1, 2029, the 4 appointed members are each required to reside within the district, represent the district at large, and must be confirmed by the senate after appointment. At least one member must be a current or former member of the union that represents the largest collective bargaining unit of employees of the district. The 4 appointed members are collectively required to possess expertise related to the following areas:

- Finance;
- Land use and multimodal transportation planning;
- Transit operations; and
- Transit agency programs serving disproportionately impacted communities.

Beginning in 2028, the Denver regional council of governments shall provide the governor with a list of nominees for board member, from which list the governor shall select members. The list must contain at least 3 times the number of qualified nominees as there are member positions to be filled, and the Denver regional council of governments is required to comply with certain requirements when compiling the list.

Newly appointed members may serve up to 2 terms, with each term expiring after a member has served for 4 consecutive calendar years; except that 2 of the initial appointees will serve an initial term of 2 years. Any term served by a member that lasts for less than 2 years does not count towards the member's 2-term limit.

The member terms are staggered such that, on January 1, 2031, 4 of the 9 members' terms expire. At the November 2030 general election, and at every general election in an even-numbered year thereafter, the number of members to be elected at the election equals the number of member terms expiring on January 1 of the following year. On or before the day of the November 2030 general election, and on or before the day of the November general election in every even-numbered year thereafter, the governor shall appoint 2 new board members, one of whom is from a list of nominees provided by the Denver regional council of governments, and one of whom is appointed at the governor's discretion.

If the seat of a member that was chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Denver regional council of governments is vacant, the Denver regional council of governments shall, within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, provide the governor with a list of at least 3 qualified nominees for the vacant member seat. The governor shall, within 60 days

after receiving the list or 60 days after the vacancy occurs, whichever is later, select a member from the list to fill the vacancy. If the seat of a member that the governor appointed at the governor's discretion is vacant, the governor shall, within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, select a member to fill the vacancy at the governor's discretion.

The governor may remove an appointed member for malfeasance in office, neglect of duty, failure to regularly attend meetings, or any other cause that renders the member incapable or unfit to discharge the duties of the board. If any member is absent from 2 consecutive meetings without reasonable cause, the chairperson shall notify the governor, who may remove the absent member and appoint a qualified replacement for the unexpired term. A prospective member to be appointed shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest prior to confirmation and shall disclose any conflicts that arise during the member's term at a public board meeting. Failure to disclose, or taking action on a matter in which the member has an undisclosed conflict of interest, constitutes cause for removal by the governor.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the
3 "Modernizing the Regional Transportation District Act".

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-102, **add** (3)
5 and (4) as follows:

6 **32-9-102. Legislative declaration.**

7 (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8 (a) SENATE BILL 25-161, ENACTED IN 2025, DIRECTED THE
9 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO MAXIMIZE RIDERSHIP LEVELS
10 ACROSS THE REGION AND CREATED A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
11 DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. THE ACCOUNTABILITY
12 COMMITTEE WAS CREATED TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
13 RELATED TO GOVERNANCE, WORKFORCE RETENTION, AND PARATRANSIT
14 SERVICES.

15 (b) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF A
16 DIVERSE SET OF APPOINTMENTS REPRESENTING KEY CONSTITUENCIES OF

1 THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, DISTRICT BOARD
2 MEMBERS, TRANSIT RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY
3 ADVOCATES, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, FINANCIAL EXPERTS, AND
4 MORE;

5 (c) TO CARRY OUT ITS STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES, THE
6 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE IMPLEMENTED A ROBUST PROCESS GUIDED
7 BY A NEUTRAL FACILITATOR, WHICH GENERATED THIRTY-ONE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE;

9 (d) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL
10 SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES FACING THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING LOW AND
11 STAGNATING RIDERSHIP, MOUNTING BUDGET CHALLENGES, A LOSS OF
12 PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE, AND A LACK OF A COORDINATED,
13 STRATEGIC VISION;

14 (e) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL
15 GOVERNANCE-RELATED CHALLENGES FACING THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING
16 THE LARGE SIZE OF THE BOARD;

17 (f) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FOUND THAT THE SIZE OF
18 THE BOARD POSED CHALLENGES TO BRIEFING MEMBERS, DEVELOPMENT OF
19 PRODUCTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG MEMBERS, REACHING
20 COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS, AND NAVIGATING DIFFICULT DECISIONS.
21 THOSE FINDINGS ECHO THE 2021 RTD GOVERNANCE EVALUATION FINAL
22 REPORT, WHICH STATED: "BEST PRACTICE SHOWS THAT AS GOVERNING
23 BOARDS GROW IN SIZE, THE EFFICACY OF THEIR WORK DECREASES."

24 (g) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE ALSO IDENTIFIED THE LACK
25 OF COMPETITION FOR ELECTED SEATS AND THE LACK OF EXPERTISE ON THE
26 BOARD AS GOVERNANCE-RELATED CHALLENGES FACING THE DISTRICT.
27 ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OUT OF ONE HUNDRED

1 SEVENTY-TWO DISTRICT ELECTORAL CONTESTS OCCURRING SINCE 1980,
2 FORTY PERCENT WERE UNCONTESTED. THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
3 IDENTIFIED A NEED FOR KEY AREAS OF BOARD EXPERTISE TO ENSURE THE
4 BOARD COULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY POLICY LEADERSHIP AND FISCAL
5 OVERSIGHT TO GUIDE THE DISTRICT THROUGH ITS CHALLENGES.

6 (h) WHILE THE DISTRICT HAS SERVED THE REGION FOR DECADES
7 UNDER ITS CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL, THE ACCOUNTABILITY
8 COMMITTEE DETERMINED THAT THE STRUCTURES, PRACTICES, AND
9 EXPECTATIONS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE IN THE PAST ARE NO
10 LONGER SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE SCALE, COMPLEXITY, AND URGENCY OF
11 THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES;

12 (i) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT THE
13 CURRENT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE DOES NOT ADEQUATELY PROVIDE THE
14 LEVEL OF EXPERTISE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP
15 REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT'S SCALE, FISCAL COMPLEXITY, AND
16 REGIONAL IMPORTANCE, AND THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR
17 REFORM; AND

18 (j) THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FURTHER CONCLUDED THAT
19 THE DISTRICT IS AT A CRITICAL CROSSROADS, THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT
20 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE DOES NOT WORK IN THE PRESENT AND WILL NOT
21 WORK IN THE FUTURE, AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IS NEEDED IN THE FORM
22 OF A DIFFERENT DISTRICT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

23 (4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT
24 THIS SENATE BILL 26-150, ENACTED IN 2026, ADVANCES
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
26 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE RELEVANT
27 TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT STATUTES, WHILE SOME

1 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE DISTRICT OR OTHER
2 KEY STAKEHOLDERS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPECTS THE DISTRICT TO
3 EXECUTE AND REPORT ON THE STATUS OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
4 2025-2026 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER
5 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN THIS SENATE BILL
6 26-150, ENACTED IN 2026.

7 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-103, add (9.5)
8 as follows:

9 **32-9-103. Definitions.**

10 As used in this article 9, unless the context otherwise requires:

11 (9.5) "PARATRANSIT" OR "PARATRANSIT SERVICE" MEANS
12 COMPLEMENTARY PARALLEL TRANSIT SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
13 DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO UTILIZE REGULAR OR FIXED-ROUTE
14 TRANSIT SERVICE FOR SOME OR ALL OF THEIR TRANSIT NEEDS.

15 SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-165, add (2.5),
16 (3)(c), (3)(d), and (3)(e) as follows:

17 **32-9-165. Planning - ten-year plan - comprehensive**
18 **operational analysis - accessible transportation service plan -**
19 **reporting - funding study - transit-oriented community**
20 **infrastructure - budget transparency and oversight.**

21 (2.5) **Paratransit service study and accessible transportation**
22 **service plan.**

23 (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL
24 CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO CONDUCT A
25 COMPREHENSIVE PARATRANSIT SERVICE STUDY. THE STUDY MUST BE
26 COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 2027. THE DISTRICT SHALL REQUIRE THAT
27 THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY PROVIDE QUARTERLY UPDATES

1 ON THE PROGRESS OF THE STUDY TO THE BOARD. THE STUDY MUST
2 INCLUDE:

3 (I) A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE POPULATION, NEEDS, AND
4 SERVICE GAPS FOR RIDERS IN THE DISTRICT WITH DISABILITIES THAT
5 INCLUDES AN ANALYSIS OF RIDER-LEVEL AND TRIP-LEVEL DATA,
6 INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRIP FREQUENCY, IDENTIFICATION OF
7 HIGH-UTILIZATION RIDERS, CHANGES IN RIDERSHIP PATTERNS FOLLOWING
8 THE JANUARY 1, 2026, FARE AND SUBSIDY CHANGES, IMPACTS OF THOSE
9 CHANGES ON FREQUENT AND HIGH-NEED RIDERS, AND REDUCTION OF
10 ACCESS TO SERVICE DUE TO LOSS OF SERVICE OR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP
11 FROM FARE CHANGES;

12 (II) A COST-BENEFIT ASSESSMENT WITH LONG-TERM PROJECTIONS
13 BETWEEN COST REDUCTIONS AND SERVICE AVAILABILITY OR ACCESS OF
14 PARATRANSIT SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS FOR ACCESS-A-RIDE AND
15 ACCESS-ON-DEMAND, INCLUDING INTEGRATED, HYBRID, STAND-ALONE,
16 AND ALTERNATIVE SERVICE SCENARIOS, AND INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF
17 CHANGES TO FARE LEVELS, SUBSIDIES, AND SERVICE LIMITS, WHICH
18 ASSESSMENT MUST INCLUDE PEER AGENCY COMPARISONS AND USE
19 STANDARDIZED COST DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY, ANALYSIS OF COST
20 PER TRIP AND PER RIDER, AND IDENTIFICATION OF KEY COST DRIVERS,
21 SUCH AS DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN FIXED AND VARIABLE COSTS;

22 (III) A DEFINITION OF MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE METRICS
23 RELATED TO ACCESS, RELIABILITY, EQUITY, AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS;

24 (IV) AN ASSESSMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE WITH
25 LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERS TO ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS;

26 (V) ENGAGEMENT WITH PARATRANSIT USERS, RIDERS WITH
27 DISABILITIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND

1 DOCUMENTATION OF HOW STAKEHOLDER INPUT INFORMED FINDINGS;

2 (VI) AN ASSESSMENT OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING
3 RELIABILITY METRICS, TRIP DENIALS, WAIT TIMES, ON-TIME PERFORMANCE,
4 AND RIDER EXPERIENCE ACROSS SERVICE MODES, IDENTIFICATION OF ANY
5 CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS OR SERVICE LIMITATIONS, AND AN ASSESSMENT
6 OF INNOVATIVE, TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED SERVICE MODELS; AND

7 (VII) AN ASSESSMENT OF BARRIERS FOR PARATRANSIT RIDERS
8 AND RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES TO ACCESS A LOW-INCOME FARE DISCOUNT.

9 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027, THE DISTRICT SHALL
10 COMPLETE, ADOPT, AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTING AN ACCESSIBLE
11 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PLAN INFORMED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE
12 PARATRANSIT SERVICE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS
13 SECTION. THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE:

14 (I) A HOLISTIC VISION FOR PROVIDING APPROPRIATE AND
15 ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES IN
16 THE DISTRICT;

17 (II) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OVERARCHING FRAMEWORK TO
18 GUIDE FUTURE PARATRANSIT DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING MEASURABLE
19 METRICS OF PERFORMANCE IN ACCESS, RELIABILITY, EQUITY, AND
20 COST-EFFECTIVENESS;

21 (III) A FRAMEWORK FOR FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY INFORMED BY
22 CONSIDERATIONS OF LONG-TERM COST PROJECTIONS, TRADEOFFS BETWEEN
23 SERVICES, AND PEER AGENCY COMPARISONS;

24 (IV) A FRAMEWORK FOR THE USE OF ANY INNOVATIVE AND
25 TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED SERVICE MODELS; AND

26 (V) AN IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK WITH TIMELINES, PRIORITY
27 ACTIONS, AND REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS.

1 **(3) Reports.**

2 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2028, THE DISTRICT SHALL
3 PRESENT THE PARATRANSIT SERVICE STUDY AND ACCESSIBLE
4 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PLAN TO A JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
6 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
7 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

8 (d) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027, THE DISTRICT SHALL
9 SUBMIT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING,
10 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION
11 AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND TO THE
12 GOVERNOR, A REPORT CONTAINING RESPONSES TO AND THE DISTRICT'S
13 IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO THE
14 DISTRICT BY THE 2025-2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
15 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-124, AS IT
16 EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL ON JULY 1, 2026.

17 (e) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2027, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH
18 JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON THE
19 FOLLOWING TO A JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND
21 THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
22 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES:

23 (I) THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET, INCLUDING EXTERNAL FUNDING, AND
24 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE;

25 (II) RIDERSHIP;

26 (III) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 25-161, ENACTED IN
27 2025, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS IN:

1 (A) DELIVERING THE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR
2 STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE
3 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2);
4 AND

5 (B) ALIGNING WITH STATE CLIMATE GOALS AS REQUIRED BY
6 SECTION 32-9-119.7 (9); AND

7 (IV) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SENATE BILL 26-150,
8 ENACTED IN 2026, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS ON
9 IMPLEMENTING ITS ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PLAN
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.5) OF THIS SECTION.

11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-111, **amend**
12 (1)(a) and (4); and **add** (1)(c), (1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(f), and (7) as follows:

13 **32-9-111. Election of directors - dates - terms.**

14 (1) (a) After the federal census in 1980 and each federal census
15 thereafter BEFORE THE 2030 FEDERAL CENSUS, the board of directors shall
16 apportion the composition of the board into compact and contiguous
17 director districts so that the fifteen directors will represent, to the extent
18 practical, the people of the district on the basis of population. Such
19 apportionment ~~shall~~ MUST be completed before March 15 of the second
20 year following that in which the federal census is taken and ~~shall~~ MUST
21 be made only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total
22 membership of the board. If such apportionment is not completed before
23 March 15 of such year, the legislative council, with the assistance of the
24 director of research of the legislative council and the director of the office
25 of legislative legal services, shall, by April 15, apportion the composition
26 of the board into compact and contiguous director districts so that the
27 fifteen directors will represent, to the extent practicable, the people of the

1 district on the basis of population. The apportionment recommended by
2 the legislative council ~~shall~~ MUST be submitted to the general assembly
3 which shall approve or amend the apportionment before May 1 of such
4 year.

5 (c) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2027, THE OFFICE OF
6 LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF
7 SHALL APPORTION THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD INTO COMPACT AND
8 CONTIGUOUS DIRECTOR DISTRICTS SO THAT THE FIVE ELECTED DIRECTORS
9 WILL REPRESENT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT
10 ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION. THE FIVE ELECTED DIRECTORS WHO
11 WILL BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2028 WILL BE
12 ELECTED FROM THESE FIVE DIRECTOR DISTRICTS.

13
14 (d) AFTER THE FEDERAL CENSUS IN 2030 AND AFTER EACH
15 FEDERAL CENSUS THEREAFTER, THE INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE
16 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 46 OF
17 ARTICLE V OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION SHALL APPORTION THE
18 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD INTO COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS DIRECTOR
19 DISTRICTS SO THAT THE FIVE ELECTED DIRECTORS WILL REPRESENT, TO
20 THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT ON THE BASIS OF
21 POPULATION. THE APPORTIONMENT OF DIRECTOR DISTRICTS MUST
22 BE COMPLETED ON THE SAME TIMELINE AND USING THE SAME PROCEDURES
23 AS THOSE SPECIFIED FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF SENATORIAL AND
24 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS IN SECTIONS 46 TO 48.3 OF ARTICLE V OF THE
25 STATE CONSTITUTION.

26 (4) (a) Except as provided in this subsection (4), the regular term
27 of office of directors shall be four years.

1 (b) At the election held in 1982, eight members of the board shall
2 be elected for two-year terms. The two-year terms shall be determined by
3 lot at the first meeting of the board following the apportionment of
4 director districts. Seven members shall be elected for four-year terms.

5 (c) AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN NOVEMBER 2028, TWO OF
6 THE FIVE MEMBERS ELECTED WILL BE ELECTED TO TWO-YEAR TERMS. THE
7 TWO-YEAR TERMS WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOT DURING THE
8 APPORTIONMENT PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS
9 SECTION.

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11 (7) MEMBERS ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS DRAWN IN ACCORDANCE
12 WITH SUBSECTION (1)(c) OR (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION MAY SERVE UP TO TWO
13 TERMS, WITH EACH TERM EXPIRING AFTER A MEMBER HAS SERVED FOR
14 FOUR CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR YEARS. ANY TERM SERVED BY A MEMBER
15 THAT LASTS FOR LESS THAN TWO YEARS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE
16 MEMBER'S TWO-TERM LIMIT, BUT A MEMBER SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN
17 EIGHT TOTAL YEARS ON THE BOARD. A TERM THAT A MEMBER SERVED ON
18 THE BOARD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2029, COUNTS TOWARD THAT MEMBER'S
19 TWO-TERM LIMIT.

20 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 32-9-111.5** as
21 follows:

22 **32-9-111.5. Appointment of directors - dates - terms -**
23 **vacancies - removal.**

24 (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL
25 ELECTION, BEGINNING IN 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT BOARD
26 MEMBERS WHO MUST SUBSEQUENTLY BE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. THE
27 APPOINTED MEMBERS' TERMS COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING

1 THEIR APPOINTMENT IN THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR. THE GOVERNOR
2 SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
3 SECTION:

4 (I) ONE MEMBER FROM A LIST OF NOMINEES PROVIDED BY THE
5 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
6 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION;

7 (II) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE
8 UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT OF
9 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT; AND

10 (III) TWO MEMBERS AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION AND IN
11 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

12 (b) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2029, THE FOUR APPOINTED
13 MEMBERS SHALL EACH RESIDE WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND REPRESENT THE
14 DISTRICT AT LARGE.

15 (c) IN 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT FOUR NEW BOARD
16 MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2029. IN EACH
17 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO
18 MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION TO REPLACE THE TWO
19 MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS ARE SET TO EXPIRE THE FOLLOWING JANUARY 1.

20 (2) (a) WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
21 ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTED MEMBERS REPRESENT DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC
22 AREAS OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING SUBURBAN COUNTIES, AND THAT THE
23 FOUR MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY POSSESS EXPERTISE RELATED TO THE
24 FOLLOWING AREAS:

25 (I) PUBLIC FINANCE, SUCH AS OPERATING AND CAPITAL
26 BUDGETING, FARE REVENUE AND SUBSIDY STRUCTURES, CAPITAL
27 PROGRAM DELIVERY, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND LIFECYCLE CAPITAL

1 PLANNING, OR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
2 SYSTEM;

3 (II) LAND USE AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING,
4 SUCH AS TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING, OR
5 URBAN AND RURAL MOBILITY;

6 (III) TRANSIT OPERATIONS, SUCH AS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
7 MANAGEMENT, FLEET OPERATIONS, SCHEDULING, OR SYSTEM
8 PERFORMANCE; AND

9 (IV) TRANSIT AGENCY PROGRAMS SERVING DISPROPORTIONATELY
10 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-4-109
11 (2)(b)(II).

12 (b) THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO
13 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE AND A BACKGROUND IN MULTIPLE
14 AREAS LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), BUT A MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE
15 BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO POSSESS
16 EXPERTISE IN MORE THAN ONE AREA LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

17 (3) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3),
18 THE REGULAR TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR
19 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS
20 FOUR YEARS. MEMBERS MAY SERVE UP TO TWO TERMS, WITH EACH TERM
21 EXPIRING AFTER A MEMBER HAS SERVED FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE
22 CALENDAR YEARS. ANY TERM SERVED BY A MEMBER THAT LASTS FOR LESS
23 THAN TWO YEARS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE MEMBER'S TWO-TERM
24 LIMIT.

25 (b) OF THE INITIALLY APPOINTED MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS BEGIN
26 ON JANUARY 1, 2029, THE TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED AT THE GOVERNOR'S
27 DISCRETION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) OF THIS

1 SECTION SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

2 (4) (a) (I) BEGINNING IN 2028, NO FEWER THAN THIRTY DAYS
3 BEFORE THE DAY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION IN AN
4 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
5 GOVERNMENTS SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A LIST OF NOMINEES
6 FOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS, FROM WHICH THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT
7 A MEMBER TO APPOINT TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I)
8 OF THIS SECTION. THE LIST MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED
9 NOMINEES. IF THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FAILS
10 TO PROVIDE A LIST WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME FRAME, THE GOVERNOR
11 MAY APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION
12 AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

13 (II) WHEN SELECTING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE LIST OF NOMINEES,
14 THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL:

15 (A) CONSIDER AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE
16 EXPERIENCE AND A BACKGROUND IN MULTIPLE AREAS LISTED IN
17 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION; AND

18 (B) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE NOMINEES
19 REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE
20 DISTRICT'S RIDERSHIP AND SERVICE AREA AND THAT THE NOMINEE LIST
21 INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS FROM DIVERSE RACIAL, CULTURAL, DISABILITY,
22 AND GENDER BACKGROUNDS AND INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING BOTH
23 URBAN AND SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

24 (b) BEGINNING IN 2028, NO FEWER THAN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE
25 DAY OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION IN AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR,
26 THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT
27 OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A

1 LIST OF AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR THE MEMBER
2 APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (5) (a) IF THE SEAT OF A MEMBER THAT WAS APPOINTED IN
4 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS VACANT, THE
5 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY
6 DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH
7 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A LIST OF
8 AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR THE VACANT MEMBER SEAT.
9 THE GOVERNOR SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE LIST OR
10 SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS, WHICHEVER IS LATER, APPOINT
11 A MEMBER FROM THE LIST TO FILL THE VACANCY. IF THE DENVER
12 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FAILS TO PROVIDE A LIST WITHIN
13 THE REQUIRED TIME FRAME, THE GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A MEMBER TO
14 FILL THE VACANCY AT THE GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION AND IN COMPLIANCE
15 WITH THIS SECTION.

16 (b) IF THE SEAT OF A MEMBER THAT WAS APPOINTED IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION IS VACANT,
18 THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT
19 OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE
20 VACANCY OCCURS, PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH A LIST OF AT LEAST
21 THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR THE VACANT MEMBER SEAT. THE
22 GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN
23 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

24 (c) IF THE SEAT OF A MEMBER THAT WAS APPOINTED IN
25 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION IS VACANT,
26 THE GOVERNOR SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS,
27 APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY AT THE GOVERNOR'S

1 DISCRETION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

2 (d) THE TERM OF A MEMBER THAT FILLS A VACANCY IN
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (5) EXPIRES WHEN THE TERM OF THE
4 FORMER VACATING MEMBER WOULD HAVE EXPIRED.

5 (6) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER APPOINTED IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE, NEGLECT
7 OF DUTY, FAILURE TO REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS, OR ANY OTHER
8 CAUSE THAT RENDERS THE MEMBER INCAPABLE OR UNFIT TO DISCHARGE
9 THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD. IF ANY MEMBER IS ABSENT FROM TWO
10 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE, AS DETERMINED
11 BY THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON, THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE
12 GOVERNOR, WHO MAY REMOVE THE ABSENT MEMBER AND APPOINT A
13 QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

14 (7) A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE
15 WITH THIS SECTION SHALL DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF
16 INTEREST TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE RELEVANT SENATE COMMITTEE OF
17 REFERENCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION BY THE
18 SENATE AND SHALL DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS THAT ARISE DURING THE
19 MEMBER'S TERM AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING. FAILURE TO DISCLOSE A
20 KNOWN CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OR TAKING ACTION ON A MATTER IN
21 WHICH THE MEMBER HAS AN UNDISCLOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
22 CONSTITUTES CAUSE FOR REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO
23 SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

24 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-112, **amend** (1),
25 (1.5), and (2) as follows:

26 **32-9-112. Vacancies of elected members - appointments -**
27 **recall.**

1 (1) A change of residence of a member ~~of~~ ELECTED TO the board
2 to a place outside the director district from which the member was elected
3 ~~shall~~ automatically ~~create~~ CREATES a vacancy on the board. Upon a
4 vacancy OF AN ELECTED MEMBER occurring for any reason other than
5 normal expiration of a term, the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled by
6 appointment by the board of county commissioners of the county wherein
7 the director district is located or, in the case of a member elected in
8 Denver, by the mayor of the city and county of Denver, with the approval
9 of the city council of said city and county. In the case of a director district
10 which contains territory in two or more counties, or in the city and county
11 of Denver and in one or more counties, the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST be filled
12 by appointment by the board of county commissioners of the county
13 wherein the largest number of eligible electors of the director district
14 reside; except that, if the largest number of eligible electors of the director
15 district reside in the city and county of Denver, the vacancy ~~shall~~ MUST
16 be filled by appointment by the mayor of the city and county of Denver,
17 with the approval of the city council of the city and county.

18 (1.5) Any director appointed ~~shall serve~~ PURSUANT TO THIS
19 SECTION SERVES until the next regular election, at which time the vacancy
20 ~~shall~~ MUST be filled by election for any remaining unexpired portion of
21 the term.

22 (2) Effective July 1, 1983, any ELECTED member of the board may
23 be recalled from office by the eligible electors of the director district such
24 member represents pursuant to the provisions of part 1 of article 12 of
25 title 1. ~~C.R.S.~~

26 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-114, **amend**
27 (1)(c); and **add** (1)(c.5) and (2) as follows:

1 **32-9-114. Board's administrative powers - terms of elected**
2 **chairperson.**

3 (1) The board has the following administrative powers:

4 (c) To elect one director as ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON of the board;
5 ~~and another director as chairman pro tem of the board, and to appoint one~~
6 ~~or more persons as secretary and treasurer of the board~~ ==

7 (c.5) TO ELECT ONE DIRECTOR AS CHAIRPERSON PRO TEMPORE OF
8 THE BOARD AND TO ELECT ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS AS SECRETARY AND
9 TREASURER OF THE BOARD;

10 (2) A DIRECTOR ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON PURSUANT TO
11 SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION MAY SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON FOR
12 MULTIPLE TERMS.

13 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-116, **amend (3);**
14 **and add (4)** as follows:

15 **32-9-116. Meetings of board.**

16 (3) ~~Effective~~ ON AND AFTER January 1, 1983, BUT BEFORE
17 JANUARY 1, 2029, any action of the board ~~shall require~~ REQUIRES the
18 affirmative vote of at least eight members present and voting.

19 (4) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2029, ANY ACTION OF THE BOARD
20 REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT
21 AND VOTING.

22 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-117, **amend**
23 **(1) and (2); and add (5) and (6)** as follows:

24 **32-9-117. Compensation of directors.**

25 (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section,~~
26 ~~Effective January 1, 1983, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, each director~~
27 ~~shall receive a sum of three thousand dollars per annum.~~

1 (2) Effective January 1, 2009, each director elected at the 2008
2 general election or at any general election thereafter OCCURRING AFTER
3 2008 BUT BEFORE 2028 and each director appointed to fill a vacancy for
4 an unexpired term of a director elected at the 2008 general election or AT
5 any GENERAL election thereafter OCCURRING AFTER 2008 BUT BEFORE
6 2028 shall receive a sum of twelve thousand dollars per annum, payable
7 at the rate of one thousand dollars per month.

8 (5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION,
9 EACH DIRECTOR WHOSE TERM BEGINS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2029,
10 RECEIVES A SUM OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM,
11 PAYABLE AT THE RATE OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH.

12 (6) A DIRECTOR SELECTED TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON IN
13 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 32-9-114 (1)(c) AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER
14 JANUARY 1, 2029, RECEIVES AN ANNUAL SUM, PAYABLE IN MONTHLY
15 INSTALLMENTS, EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE
16 SALARY OF A DIRECTOR AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

17 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-109.5, amend
18 (1), (2), (4) introductory portion, (4)(a), (4)(b), (4)(c), and (4)(d) as
19 follows:

20 **32-9-109.5. Board of directors - membership - powers -**
21 **reports.**

22 (1) (a) Effective BEGINNING January 1, 1983, AND ENDING
23 DECEMBER 31, 2028, the governing body of the district shall be IS a board
24 of directors consisting of fifteen persons, each of whom is an eligible
25 elector residing within the A director district.

26 (b) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2029, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
27 DISTRICT IS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF NINE INDIVIDUALS AS

1 FOLLOWS:

2 (I) FIVE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN A DIRECTOR
3 DISTRICT, ELECTED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32-9-111; AND

4 (II) FOUR ELIGIBLE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND
5 REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT AT LARGE, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR
6 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
7 32-9-111.5. ■

8 (2) (a) THE ■ ELECTED members of the board of directors shall
9 MUST be elected as provided in section 32-9-111.

10 (b) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVING ON
11 DECEMBER 31, 2028, SHALL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1, 2029, AND A NEW
12 BOARD, CONSTITUTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION,
13 SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON JANUARY 1, 2029.

14 (4) All powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges vested in
15 the district shall be ARE exercised and performed by the board; except that
16 the exercise of any executive, administrative, or ministerial powers may
17 be delegated by the board to officers and employees of the district. These
18 powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges include, in addition to any
19 other powers and duties specified in this article 9:

20 (a) Setting policy objectives, INCLUDING POLICY OBJECTIVES THAT
21 ARE DIRECTLY DESIGNED TO GROW RIDERSHIP WITHIN THE DISTRICT, to be
22 implemented by employees of the district;

23 (b) Hiring, and managing, AND EVALUATING the district's general
24 manager and chief executive officer BASED ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES
25 OF PERFORMANCE ALIGNED WITH THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC
26 PLAN SET FORTH IN SECTION 32-9-165 (1);

27 (c) HIRING, EVALUATING, AND overseeing the district's general

1 counsel, AND ENSURING THAT THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS
2 DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD;

3 (d) Developing, adopting, and overseeing ~~the district's~~ A FISCALLY
4 RESPONSIBLE budget FOR THE DISTRICT, including an annual capital
5 budget with project costs and financing mechanisms;

6 ■ ■ ■

7 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 32-9-118 as
8 follows:

9 **32-9-118. Conflicts in interest prohibited.**

10 (1) ~~No~~ A director, officer, employee, or agent of the district shall
11 ~~be interested~~ NOT HAVE AN INTEREST in any contract or transaction with
12 the district except in ~~his~~ AN official representative capacity.

13 (2) A DIRECTOR WHO HAS A PERSONAL OR PRIVATE INTEREST IN
14 ANY MATTER PROPOSED OR PENDING BEFORE THE BOARD SHALL DISCLOSE
15 SUCH INTEREST TO THE BOARD, SHALL NOT VOTE THEREON, AND SHALL
16 REFRAIN FROM ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS OF THE OTHER
17 DIRECTORS IN VOTING ON THE MATTER.

18 (3) A DIRECTOR WHO IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE UNION THAT
19 REPRESENTS THE LARGEST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT OF EMPLOYEES
20 OF THE DISTRICT SHALL RECUSE THEMSELF FROM ANY BOARD ACTION OR
21 VOTE DIRECTLY CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, A LABOR
22 AGREEMENT, OR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE
23 BARGAINING UNIT REPRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR.

24 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **add**
25 (13) as follows:

26 **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - climate goals -**
27 **employee retention goals - subregional service council coordination**

1 **- reporting - plans - definition - repeal.**

2 (13) (a) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, TO SUPPORT THE
3 SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS CREATED BY THE DISTRICT, THE
4 DISTRICT SHALL:

5 (I) PROVIDE DEDICATED STAFF TO CO-CHAIR AND SUPPORT EACH
6 SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL; AND

7 (II) WORK WITH SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO
8 IDENTIFY A LOCAL LEADER TO CO-CHAIR EACH SUBREGIONAL SERVICE
9 COUNCIL.

10 (b) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2028, THE SUBREGIONAL SERVICE
11 COUNCILS SHALL MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD ON:

12 (I) ALIGNING DISTRICT TRANSIT SERVICES WITH LOCAL AND
13 REGIONAL PLANS;

14 (II) IMPLEMENTING JOINT PROJECTS TO ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS;

15 (III) LEVERAGING EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS
16 AND PROJECTS FOR EXPANDED SERVICE DELIVERY;

17 (IV) IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES TO EXPAND FUNDING; AND

18 (V) CONSIDERATIONS OF EQUITY, RIDERSHIP, DEMAND, AND
19 LONG-TERM REGIONAL GROWTH.

20 (c) THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE PER YEAR TO RECEIVE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS AS
22 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (d) ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN 2028, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT
24 TO THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN
25 SECTION 43-2-145 (1)(a) AND TO A JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
27 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,

1 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON THE SUBREGIONAL SERVICE
2 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSES THERETO.

3 **SECTION 14. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.