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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Public transportation serves an important role in
3 meeting the transportation needs of many State citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, The State may benefit from the consolidation of
5 the mass transit services provided by the Regional
6 Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the
7 Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority; the
8 consolidation of mass transit services may provide citizens
9 with a more effective and cost efficient means of public
10 transportation; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Mass Transit Consolidation
14 Commission is created for the purpose of researching and
15 discussing whether the Regional Transportation Authority, the
16 Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago
17 Transit Authority should be consolidated under one
18 governmental structure; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall be composed of 16
20 voting members as follows:

- 21 (1) 2 members of the Illinois House of Representatives,
22 one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed

1 by the House Minority Leader;

2 (2) 2 members of the Illinois Senate, one appointed by
3 the Senate President and one appointed by the Senate
4 Minority Leader;

5 (3) 2 public members appointed by the Governor;

6 (4) 5 members whose residences are located in DuPage,
7 Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will County, one appointed by the
8 county chairperson in each of those counties;

9 (5) 2 members whose residences are located in Cook
10 County, each appointed by the chairperson of Cook County;

11 (6) 2 members of the Amalgamated Transit Union, each
12 appointed by the Governor; and

13 (7) one member whose residence is located in the area
14 served by the Suburban Bus Board appointed by the
15 chairperson of the Suburban Bus Board; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Governor of the State of Illinois shall
17 appoint one non-voting member to serve as the chair of the
18 Commission; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a person appointed as a public member of the
20 Commission must have expertise and experience in the area of
21 public transportation; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a member of the Commission is not entitled
23 to compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the travel

1 expenses incurred by the member while transacting Commission
2 business; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall meet at least monthly
4 at the times and places that the chair designates; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a majority of the members of the Commission
7 constitute a quorum for transacting Commission business; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall prepare and issue a
10 report to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1,
11 2012, setting forth the findings and conclusions of the
12 Commission concerning whether viable and sustainable transit
13 service can be provided for the northeast region of the State;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the report must include an outline of the
16 Commission's meetings and any recommendations for legislation
17 that may be necessary to implement the consolidation of mass
18 transit services if the Commission finds that consolidation is
19 necessary; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Commission must hold at least one public
21 hearing in each of the counties served by the Regional

1 Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the
2 Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority in order
3 to receive public input concerning the consolidation of mass
4 transit services; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
6 shall provide administrative and other support to the
7 Commission.