



## Texas Transit Association

June 24, 2003

### Public Transportation: Legislative Initiatives Adopted by 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature And Signed into Law by the Governor

#### Major Items

**HB 638** by Chisum Relating to emissions reductions incentives and the emissions reductions incentives account.

Effective June 20, 2003

**HB 1365** by Bonnen Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan.

Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 3184** Hill Relating to the financing, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of toll facilities by the Department of Transportation. [**Note: the bill, as passed, contains the essential text of House Bill 3185 that related to the Transportation Commission having absolute discretion on small urban and rural formulae.**]

Effective June 18, 2003

**HB 2292** by Wohlgemuth Relating to state policy relating to financing of certain health and human services programs. [**Note: One of two bills authorizing the transfer of health and human service transportation programming to the Texas Department of Transportation.**]

Note: HCR 305 technical changes

Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 3588** by Krusee Relating to the construction, acquisition, financing, maintenance, management, operation, ownership, and control of transportation facilities and the progress, improvement, policing, and safety of transportation in the state. [**Note: the bill, as passed, contains the essential text of House Bill 3343 that related to the Transportation Commission having greater discretion over small urban and rural operations. funding formulae, transferring transportation programs from the health and human service agencies and the Texas Workforce Commission to the Department of Transportation, and changing the composition and appointment power of the Public Transportation Advisory Committee.**]

Effective September 1, 2003

**SB 404** by Madla Relating to advanced transportation districts.

Effective June 18, 2003

**SB 409** by Lucio Relating to the membership of the Transportation Commission.

Effective September 1, 2003

#### Other

**HB 11** by Keel Relating to the offense of terroristic threat and to the punishment as a capital offense of murder occurring during the commission or attempted commission of a terroristic threat.

Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 471** by Pickett Relating to the borrowing of money by the Department of Transportation.

Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 1208** by Lewis Relating to the mitigation of traffic congestion on highways.  
Effective June 20, 2003

**HB 1481** by Allen Relating to the creation of a subaccount for fees collected under Title IV and V of the Clean Air Act.  
Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 1883** by Baxter Relating to the appointment of a voting proxy by a policy board member of a metropolitan planning organization.  
Effective June 18, 2003

**HB 2091** by Harper-Brown Relating to procurement rules, guidelines, and procedures for regional transportation authorities.  
Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 2500** by Harper-Brown Relating to the enforcement of fares imposed for the use of certain public transportation systems.  
Effective September 1, 2003

**HB 3017** by Solomons Relating to the organization and administration of a coordinated county transportation authority.  
Effective September 1, 2003

**SB 361** by Shapiro Relating to the precedence of certain municipal highway access rules and ordinances over highway access management orders of the Transportation Commission.  
Effective June 20, 2003

**SB 485** by Barrientos Relating to the use of exclusive development agreements by an intermunicipal commuter rail district.  
Effective June 20, 2003

**SB 527** by Madla Relating to the establishment of security forces in certain metropolitan rapid transit authorities.  
Effective September 1, 2003

**SB 868** by Lindsay Relating to the purpose, powers and duties of Harris County Improvement District No. 1.  
Effective April 24, 2003

**SB 972** by Shapiro Relating to the addition of certain municipalities to the territory of a regional transportation authority.  
Effective June 20, 2003

**SB 1883** by Janek Relating to the assumption of road utility district authority by Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15.  
Effective May 28, 2003