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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 304 by Senator Hebert

**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

PLANNING/ZONING. Provides relative to the membership of transportation policy committee of certain metropolitan planning organizations. (8/15/09)

**Report adopts House amendments to:**

1. Make technical change.

**Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Deleted members from each municipality or unincorporated portion of a parish as voting members for the transportation policy committee members.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Add members from each parish within the metropolitan area as follows:
  - (a) One mayor president.
  - (b) One mayor president's designee.
  - (c) Two parish presidents.
  - (d) Four mayors.
2. Requires the membership of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to be as proportionate as possible to provide equal representation according to the latest available census data.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law requires that the membership of the transportation policy committee of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for any metropolitan area include, but not be limited to one mayor president, one mayor president's designee, one parish president, four mayors, and members from the unincorporated portions of a parish as voting members from each parish within the metropolitan area. Additionally requires the membership to be as proportionate as possible to provide equal representation according to the latest available census data.

Proposed law defines a metropolitan area as an area which encompasses a parish with a consolidated, home rule charter government with a population between 48,000 and 150,000 persons based on the latest federal decennial census.

Effective August 15, 2009.