

HCS HB 1439 -- TRANSPORTATION

SPONSOR: Crawford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute requires that beginning August 28, 2004, two members of the Highways and Transportation Commission, one from each opposing political party, who have the most seniority in commission service will be elected by the commission, one to serve as chair and the other as vice chair. Effective March 1, 2005, the commission will then elect for a one-year term a chair and vice chair from the two members, one from each opposing political party, who have the most seniority in commission service. At the end of the one-year term, the chair and vice chair will switch their positions. Thereafter, the commission leadership will continue to rotate accordingly.

The substitute contains provisions for filling vacancies due to removal, death, or resignation.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this is clean-up language relating to the selection and reappointment of commission leadership.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Crawford; and Department of Transportation.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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