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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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WHEREAS, The State must be prepared to consolidate the mass transit services provided by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority in order to provide citizens with the most effective and cost efficient means of public transportation; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Mass Transit Consolidation Commission is created for the purpose of recommending the best procedure and governmental structure for consolidating the mass transit services provided by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Commission shall be composed of 10 members as follows:

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(1) 4 members of the Illinois House of Representatives,

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2 appointed by the Speaker of the House and 2 appointed by

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the House Minority Leader;

1           (2) 4 members of the Illinois Senate, 2 appointed by  
2           the Senate President and 2 appointed by the Senate Minority  
3           Leader; and

4           (3) 2 public members appointed by the Governor; and be  
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6           RESOLVED, That a person appointed as a public member of the  
7           Commission must have expertise and experience in the area of  
8           public transportation; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the members of the Commission shall elect  
10          one member to serve as the chair of the Commission; and be it  
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12          RESOLVED, That a member of the Commission is not entitled  
13          to compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the travel  
14          expenses incurred by the member while transacting Commission  
15          business; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That the Commission shall meet at least monthly  
17          at the times and places that the chair designates; and be it  
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19          RESOLVED, That a majority of the members of the Commission  
20          constitute a quorum for transacting Commission business; and be  
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1           RESOLVED, That the Commission shall prepare and issue a  
2 report to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1,  
3 2012, recommending the best procedure and governmental  
4 structure for consolidating the mass transit services provided  
5 by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail  
6 Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit  
7 Authority; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the report must include recommendations for  
9 legislation to implement the consolidation of mass transit  
10 services; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Commission must hold at least one public  
12 hearing in each of the counties served by the Regional  
13 Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the  
14 Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority in order  
15 to receive public input concerning the consolidation of mass  
16 transit services; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
18 shall provide administrative and other support to the  
19 Commission.