

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
5 amended by changing Section 5.01 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/5.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 705.01)

7 Sec. 5.01. Hearings and Citizen Participation.

8 (a) The Authority shall provide for and encourage
9 participation by the public in the development and review of
10 public transportation policy, and in the process by which major
11 decisions significantly affecting the provision of public
12 transportation are made. To the extent practical, the Authority
13 shall coordinate the public-participation processes with the
14 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

15 (b) The Authority shall hold such public hearings as may be
16 required by this Act or as the Authority may deem appropriate
17 to the performance of any of its functions. To the extent
18 practical, the Authority shall coordinate the public hearings
19 with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

20 (c) Unless such items are specifically provided for either
21 in the Five-Year Program or in the annual budget program which
22 has been the subject of public hearings as provided in Sections
23 2.01 or 4.01 of this Act, the Board shall hold public hearings

1 at which citizens may be heard prior to:

2 (i) the construction or acquisition of any public
3 transportation facility, the aggregate cost of which exceeds \$5
4 million; and

5 (ii) the extension of, or major addition to services
6 provided by the Authority or by any transportation agency
7 pursuant to a purchase of service agreement with the Authority.

8 (d) Unless such items are specifically provided for in the
9 annual budget and program which has been the subject of public
10 hearing, as provided in Section 4.01 of this Act, the Board
11 shall hold public hearings at which citizens may be heard prior
12 to the providing for or allowing, by means of any purchase of
13 service agreement or any grant pursuant to Section 2.02 of this
14 Act, any general increase or series of increases in fares or
15 charges for public transportation, whether by the Authority or
16 by any transportation agency, which increase or series of
17 increases within any twelve months affects more than 25% of the
18 consumers of service of the Authority or of the transportation
19 agency; or so providing for or allowing any discontinuance of
20 any public transportation route, or major portion thereof,
21 which has been in service for more than a year.

22 (e) At least twenty days prior notice of any public
23 hearing, as required in this Section, shall be given by public
24 advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the
25 metropolitan region.

26 (f) The Authority may designate one or more Directors or

1 may appoint one or more hearing officers to preside over any
2 hearing pursuant to this Act. The Authority shall have the
3 power in connection with any such hearing to issue subpoenas to
4 require the attendance of witnesses and the production of
5 documents, and the Authority may apply to any circuit court in
6 the State to require compliance with such subpoenas.

7 (Source: P.A. 78-3rd S.S.-5.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.