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Introduced by Representative McCormack of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; Chittenden County Transportation Authority

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to correct the name of the Green Mountain Transit Authority throughout the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

An act relating to correcting the name of the Green Mountain Transit Authority throughout the Vermont Statutes Annotated

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 5084 is amended to read:

§ 5084. PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COUNCIL

(a) The Public Transit Advisory Council shall be created by the Secretary of Transportation under 19 V.S.A. § 7(f)(5), to consist of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Transportation or designee;

(2) three representatives of the Vermont Public Transportation

Association;

- 1 (3) a representative of the ~~Chittenden County Transportation~~ Green
2 Mountain Transit Authority;
- 3 (4) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;
- 4 (5) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;
- 5 (6) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
6 designee;
- 7 (7) a representative of the Vermont Center for Independent Living;
- 8 (8) a representative of the Community of Vermont Elders;
- 9 (9) a representative of private bus operators and taxi services;
- 10 (10) a representative of Vermont intercity bus operators;
- 11 (11) a representative of the Vermont Association of Planning and
12 Development Agencies;
- 13 (12) a representative of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns;
- 14 (13) a citizen appointed by the Governor;
- 15 (14) a member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee on
16 Committees; and
- 17 (15) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
18 Speaker.
- 19 (b) The Advisory Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of
20 Transportation or designee.

1 (c) The Advisory Council shall meet no less than four times during each
2 State fiscal year, excluding subcommittee meetings. The legislative members
3 of the Council shall be entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in
4 2 V.S.A. § 406. Members who are not State employees shall receive
5 reimbursement of expenses and a per diem as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

6 (d) The Advisory Council shall serve as an advisory group to the Agency
7 of Transportation on all matters relating to public transit service as defined in
8 section 5088 of this title.

9 (e) [Repealed.]

10 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 801 is amended to read:

11 CHAPTER 801. ~~CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION~~ GREEN

12 MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

13 § 1. CREATION OF AUTHORITY

14 There is hereby created a transit authority to be known as the “~~Chittenden~~
15 ~~County Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit Authority.”

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17 § 3. MEMBERSHIP IN THE AUTHORITY

18 Membership in the Authority shall consist of those municipalities which
19 elect to join the Authority by majority vote of its voters present and voting on
20 the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose prior
21 to July 1, 2010. Beginning on July 1, 2010, a municipality may hold an annual

1 meeting or a special meeting for the purpose of determining through election
2 by a majority vote of its voters present and voting on the question only if the
3 municipality is specifically authorized to join the Authority either under
4 section 12 of this chapter or by resolution duly passed by the ~~Chittenden~~
5 ~~County Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit Authority Board of
6 Commissioners. The initial meeting of a municipality called to determine
7 whether or not to join the Authority shall be warned in the manner provided by
8 law, except that for such meeting only, any warning need not be posted for a
9 period in excess of 20 days, any other provision of law or municipal charter to
10 the contrary notwithstanding. Membership may be terminated only in the
11 manner provided in section 8 of this chapter.

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13 § 11. ASSESSMENTS OF NEW MEMBERS OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN
14 COUNTY

15 Municipalities outside Chittenden County that vote to join the ~~Chittenden~~
16 ~~County Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit Authority on or after July 1,
17 2010 shall negotiate with the Board of Commissioners of the ~~Chittenden~~
18 ~~County Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit Authority on the amount of the
19 levy to be assessed upon the municipality and terms of payment of that
20 assessment; and the municipality may not join prior to agreement with the
21 Authority on terms of the levy and payment. Upon the addition of one

1 municipality to the membership of the ~~Chittenden County Transportation~~
2 Green Mountain Transit Authority from outside Chittenden County, the
3 Authority shall immediately begin work on the formula for assessment that
4 will be approved in accordance with this chapter.

5 § 12. MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP
6 IN THE ~~CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION~~ GREEN
7 MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

8 The following municipalities are authorized to hold an election for the
9 purpose of determining membership in the ~~Chittenden County Transportation~~
10 Green Mountain Transit Authority: Barre City, Berlin, Colchester, Hinesburg,
11 Montpelier, Morristown, Richmond, St. Albans City, Stowe, and Waterbury.

12 § 13. OTHER REPRESENTATION

13 If Washington, Lamoille, Franklin, or Grand Isle County does not have a
14 municipal member from its county on the Board of Commissioners of the
15 ~~Chittenden County Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit Authority, the
16 regional planning commission serving the ~~County~~ county may appoint a Board
17 member to the ~~Chittenden County Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit
18 Authority from a member of its regional planning commission or regional
19 planning commission staff to represent its interests on the ~~Chittenden County~~
20 ~~Transportation~~ Green Mountain Transit Authority Board.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.