

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish a DC Transit Board with jurisdiction establish transit routes and transit fare policies for the DC Circulator and DC streetcar systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “DC Transit Board Establishment Act of 2009”.

Sec. 2. DC Transit Board Establishment

(a) There is hereby established the DC Transit Board, hereinafter called “Board”.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation, the Board shall have jurisdiction to establish routes and fares for the DC Circulator and the DC light rail or streetcar systems.

(c) The District Department of Transportation shall provide administrative support to the Board.

Sec. 3. DC Transit Board Composition

(a) The Board shall be composed of 7 District resident members as follows:

- (1) 3 members shall be appointed by the Mayor, including the chairperson;
- (2) 2 members shall be appointed by the Council; and
- (3) 2 members shall be elected, at-large in the District.

(b) Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms, however Mayor and Council appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council respectively.

1 (c) Members appointed by the Mayor and by the Council shall be regular users of
2 the system.

3 (d) The Mayor and the Council shall each make appointments to the Board that
4 represent demonstrated experience with public transportation policymaking, economic
5 development, transit labor policy, and operations of the Washington Metropolitan Area
6 Transit Authority.

7 Sec. 4. Regulations

8 The Mayor shall publish proposed regulations that establish staffing, funding, and
9 reporting requirements to support the establishment and operation of the DC Transit
10 Board within 180 days of the effective date of this act. After a 60-day period of review,
11 or upon Council approval, whichever comes sooner, the proposed regulations shall be in
12 effect.

13 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement

14 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as
15 the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia
16 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
17 206.02(c)(3)).

18 Sec. 6. Effective date

19 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto
20 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for
21 no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of
22 Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
23 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).