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H. R. 5198

To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to improve metropolitan planning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Local Con-
5 trol Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATED MPO UNDER HIGHWAY PROGRAM.**

7 (a) POPULATION REPRESENTED.—Section 134(d) of
8 title 23, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraphs (1)(A) and (6)(A)—

1 (A) by striking “75 percent” and inserting
2 “50 percent”; and

3 (B) by striking “(based on population)”;
4 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(2) STRUCTURE.—Notwithstanding para-
7 graphs (3) and (4) and not later than 180 days
8 after enactment of the Restoring Local Control Act,
9 membership of each metropolitan planning organiza-
10 tion that serves an area designated as a transpor-
11 tation management area shall consist of only the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(A) Local elected officials.

14 “(B) Officials of public agencies that ad-
15 minister or operate major modes of transpor-
16 tation in the metropolitan area, including rep-
17 resentation by providers of public transpor-
18 tation.

19 “(C) Appropriate State officials.”; and

20 (3) by striking paragraph (4) and redesignating
21 paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (4), (5),
22 and (6), respectively.

23 (b) AUTONOMY.—Section 134(g)(1) of such title is
24 amended by striking “and the State” and all that follows
25 through the period at the end and inserting the following:

1 “to ensure that the plans and programs of the metropoli-
 2 tan planning organization comply with the requirements
 3 of this section. The State shall provide oversight in an
 4 area with multiple metropolitan planning organizations”.

5 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATED MPO UNDER TRANSIT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) POPULATION REPRESENTED.—Section 5303(d)
 7 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraphs (1)(A) and (6)(A)—

9 (A) by striking “75 percent” and inserting
 10 “50 percent”; and

11 (B) by striking “(based on population)”;

12 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
 13 following:

14 “(2) STRUCTURE.—Notwithstanding para-
 15 graphs (3) and (4) and not later than 180 days
 16 after enactment of the Restoring Local Control Act,
 17 membership of each metropolitan planning organiza-
 18 tion that serves an area designated as a transpor-
 19 tation management area shall consist of only the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(A) Local elected officials.

22 “(B) Officials of public agencies that ad-
 23 minister or operate major modes of transpor-
 24 tation in the metropolitan area, including rep-

1 resentation by providers of public transpor-
2 tation.

3 “(C) Appropriate State officials.”; and
4 (3) by striking paragraph (4) and redesignating
5 paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (4), (5),
6 and (6), respectively.

7 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS.—Section
8 5303(g)(1) of such title is amended by striking “and the
9 State” and all that follows through the period at the end
10 and inserting the following: “to ensure that the plans and
11 programs of the metropolitan planning organization com-
12 ply with the requirements of this section. The State shall
13 provide oversight in an area with multiple metropolitan
14 planning organizations”.

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