OLR Bill Analysis

SB 521

AN ACT CONCERNING MIDDLETOWN AREA TRANSIT.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Middletown Area Transit (MAT) district’s member municipalities to remove a director from the district’s board before the completion of his or her term. Under the bill, the municipality’s appointing authority may remove the member and must, in accordance with existing requirements, fill the resulting vacancy. Current law does not provide for the early removal of transit district board members.

By law, the appointing authority is the (1) elected chief executive officer of a city or borough, (2) board of selectmen in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, (3) board of selectmen of a town with the approval of the legislative body, or (4) legislative body, or board of selectmen if its legislative body is a town meeting, of a town that is a member of a district established by May 18, 1972.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Transit Districts

Transit districts are regional transportation organizations formed by one or more municipalities and authorized by law to acquire, operate, and finance land transportation, such as bus lines and transit terminals. The transit districts can operate their own services or contract with a private operator to provide services.

A transit district assumes the same regulatory and supervisory functions over transit systems in its district that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) would exercise, as long as the transit system would otherwise be subject to DOT supervision.
COMMITTEE ACTION
Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 21  Nay 0  (03/29/2019)