

IC 8-24-6

Chapter 6. Bus Division Service Board; Bus Service Advisory Board; Bus Service Division

IC 8-24-6-1

Bus service board established

Sec. 1. A regional demand and scheduled bus service board is established for the district. The bus service board is the governing body of the bus service division.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-2

Bus service board membership

Sec. 2. (a) The bus service board is composed of the following members:

(1) One (1) member of the Lake County fiscal body, appointed by the Lake County fiscal body (if the county is a member county).

(2) One (1) member of the Porter County fiscal body, appointed by the Porter County fiscal body (if the county is a member county).

(3) The mayor of each city that meets both of the following conditions:

(A) The city has a population of at least twenty-five thousand (25,000).

(B) The city is located in Lake County or Porter County and that county is a member county.

(b) A member described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(c) If an appointing authority fails to make the required appointment to the board within sixty (60) days after a vacancy exists on the board, the appointment shall be made by the governor from the individuals eligible to fill the position.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-3

Bus service board member compensation

Sec. 3. A member of a bus service board is not entitled to receive compensation for performance of the member's duties. However, a member of the bus service board who is not an elected official is entitled to a per diem from the district for the member's participation in bus service board meetings. The amount of the per diem is equal to the amount of the per diem provided under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-4

Bus service board meeting quorum requirement

Sec. 4. A majority of the members appointed to the bus service board constitutes a quorum for a meeting.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-5**Affirmative vote of a majority of the bus service board members required to take official action**

Sec. 5. The affirmative votes of at least a majority of the appointed members of the bus service board are necessary to authorize any action of the district.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-6**Bus service board chairperson and other officers**

Sec. 6. The bus service board shall elect a chairperson of the bus service board and any other officers that the bus service board determines appropriate.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-7**Bus service board meeting schedule**

Sec. 7. A bus service board shall meet at least quarterly.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-8**Bus service board meetings at the call of the chairperson or two members**

Sec. 8. The chairperson of a bus service board or any two (2) members of the bus service board may call a meeting of the bus service board. The chairperson of the bus service board shall call the initial meeting of the bus service board for a date that is not more than thirty (30) days after the bus service board is initially established.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-9**Bus service board bylaws**

Sec. 9. The bus service board may adopt those bylaws and rules that the bus service board considers necessary for the proper conduct of the bus service board's duties and the safeguarding of the district's funds and property.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-10**Powers of bus service board**

Sec. 10. Subject to this article, the bus service board has the following powers in Lake County and Porter County (if the county is a member county):

(1) The powers granted by IC 36-9-3 or any other law to the board of a regional transportation authority.

(2) The powers granted to the bus service board under this article.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-11

Powers of bus service division

Sec. 11. The bus service division has the following powers in Lake County and Porter County (if the county is a member county):

- (1) The powers granted by IC 36-9-3 or any other law to a regional transportation authority to operate a bus public transportation system.
- (2) The powers granted to the bus service division under this article.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-12

Jurisdiction of bus service board and bus service division

Sec. 12. The powers of the bus service board and division may be exercised only in Lake County and Porter County (if the county is a member county).

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-13

Bus service division operations

Sec. 13. The bus service division shall operate in the manner provided for a regional transportation authority under IC 36-9-3, except that:

- (1) this article applies if there is a conflict between this article and IC 36-9-3; and
- (2) an action authorized or permitted under IC 36-9-3 (other than the appointment or removal of members of the bus service board) by the executive, fiscal body, or legislative body of a municipality or county shall be taken by the board.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-14

Executive director of bus service division

Sec. 14. The bus service board shall appoint an executive director of the bus service division to manage the division. To be employed as executive director, the individual must have at least five (5) years experience in public transportation at a senior executive level.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.

IC 8-24-6-15

Bus service advisory board established; membership; meetings; duties

Sec. 15. (a) The bus service advisory board is established. The bus service advisory board has the following members:

- (1) Two (2) members, each of whom must be a bus passenger appointed by the bus service board.
- (2) Two (2) members, each of whom must be a bus division employee appointed by the bus service board.

(b) The members appointed under subsection (a)(1) must be selected from passengers who have submitted a letter of interest to

the bus service board. To be considered for this position, a passenger must submit a letter of interest to the bus service board during a two (2) week period that begins sixty (60) days before the expiration of the term of the member to be appointed. A passenger member of the bus service board is not required to submit a letter of interest to be eligible for appointment to a successive term.

(c) The members appointed under subsection (a)(2) must be selected from a list of names submitted by the labor union representing the employees of the bus service division.

(d) A member of the bus service advisory board shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the beginning of the term for which the member was appointed and until a successor has qualified for the office. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but is eligible for reappointment for successive terms.

(e) The members of the bus service advisory board shall elect for a one (1) year term:

- (1) one (1) member as chairperson;
- (2) one (1) member to serve as vice chairperson; and
- (3) one (1) member to serve as secretary.

(f) Ninety (90) days before the expiration of the term of the bus service advisory board member appointed under subsection (a)(1), the bus service division shall post in each bus a notice of the opening on the bus service advisory board. The notice must announce the opening for two (2) passenger members on the bus service advisory board and provide information on submitting a letter of interest. The notice must state the period in which the passenger must submit a letter of interest. The notice must remain posted until the expiration of the two (2) week period described in subsection (b).

(g) The bus service advisory board shall meet:

- (1) at least quarterly at the call of the chairperson of the bus service advisory board; or
- (2) as requested by the bus service board.

(h) The bus service advisory board shall, as considered necessary by the bus service advisory board or as requested by the bus service board, study issues and make recommendations concerning matters affecting the bus service division.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.282.