

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-

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OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS

At the end of title III of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3 ____ . ADHERENCE TO THE WILL OF VOTERS.**

2 (a) NEW FIXED GUIDEWAY CAPITAL PROJECT
3 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, if an applicant under section 5309(c) lo-
5 cated in a jurisdiction in which there is a requirement to
6 obtain voter approval to issue debt or create or increase
7 a revenue source for a new fixed guideway capital project,
8 including light rail, the applicant shall prepare a ballot
9 proposition for any such project written in plain English
10 that specifies exactly—

11 (1) the amount, type, and duration of indebted-
12 ness to be incurred and the amount, type, and dura-
13 tion of the revenue source to be used;

14 (2) the source of funding for such indebtedness
15 or to repay such indebtedness, including all local
16 funds to be used;

17 (3) the length of time such funding is author-
18 ized;

1 (4) the mode or modes of transportation being
2 approved;

3 (5) the revenue source for any bonds that are
4 to be issued;

5 (6) except as provided in subsection (b), the lo-
6 cation, length, and scope of each segment or the ele-
7 ments of such public transportation project, includ-
8 ing the beginning and ending point of the proposed
9 route; and

10 (7) the total cost of the project.

11 (b) EXCEPTION FOR UNKNOWN OBSTACLE.—If a re-
12 cipient of grant funds under such section encounters an
13 unknown, unknowable, and unavoidable engineering obsta-
14 cle, the recipient may reroute a portion of the segment
15 set forth in the ballot proposition to the minimum extent
16 necessary to avoid such obstacle. The recipient shall also
17 inform the general public of the rerouting on its website
18 and through notices to the media.

19 (c) CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—

20 (1) CERTIFICATION.—Subject to paragraph (2),
21 if an applicant under subsection (a) receives a grant
22 under section 5309, the Secretary shall certify on an
23 annual basis that the applicant is in strict compli-
24 ance with the terms and conditions set forth in the

1 ballot proposition approved by a majority of the vot-
2 ers.

3 (2) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BALLOT PROPO-
4 SITION.—If the Secretary determines that a recipi-
5 ent of a grant under section 5309 fails to comply
6 with any of the terms or conditions set forth in the
7 ballot proposition, the Secretary shall discontinue
8 funding for the project.

9 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section the
10 term “new fixed guideway capital project” has the same
11 meaning given such term in section 5309(a)(1).

