



# HOUSE BILL 596: Study/MPO Voting Power Distribution.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government II	<b>Date:</b>	April 19, 2017
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 596 would create the Study Committee on the Distribution of Voting Power in Metropolitan Planning Organizations.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) work with the Department of Transportation in developing transportation plans. Areas designated by the federal census as being urban in nature and having a population of 50,000 or more are required by federal law to have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in order to qualify for federal funds. This process is carried out in North Carolina by MPOs.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 596 would create the Study Committee on the Distribution of Voting Power in Metropolitan Planning Organizations, to consist of five members of the House appointed by the Speaker and five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore. The committee would be directed to study the process used and the guidelines followed by MPOs in determining how to distribute voting power among their voting members. The study must include an examination of other state laws to determine if and how other states regulate the distribution of voting power among the voting members of MPOs.

The Committee would be required to report its findings, including any proposed legislation, to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly and would terminate upon the filing of its report or the convening of the 2018 Regular Session, whichever occurs first.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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