

Date of Hearing: April 15, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 1625 (Nguyen) – As Introduced January 22, 2026

Policy Committee: Local Government Vote: 10 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: Yes Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill increases from \$100 to \$200 the compensation each board member of the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) must receive for attending a publicly noticed board meeting. The bill also reduces from four per month to three per month the number of publicly noticed meetings for which each member may be compensated.

FISCAL EFFECT:

No state costs. Local costs resulting from this bill are likely minor and although mandated by the state, are not state-reimbursable because the impacted local agency requested this legislation within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** This bill is sponsored by SacRT. According to the author:

The board of directors for SacRT is comprised of local council members, who play an important role in improving and maintaining access to public transportation throughout the Sacramento region. On top of their responsibilities as council members, the board of directors is responsible for charting the agency's course and approving its operational budget. This bill ensures SacRT continues to operate as an efficient agency.

2) **Background. *SacRT.*** SacRT serves residents in the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova. SacRT operates bus, light rail, and ADA paratransit services that provide nearly 20 million annual passenger trips across an approximately 440 square-mile service area. SacRT is governed by an 11-member board of directors comprised of supervisors from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and city council members from the cities served by the district.

Existing law requires SacRT to compensate each board member \$100 per meeting for attendance at up to four publicly noticed meetings. If SacRT held four meetings per month and 11 board members attended, SacRT would spend \$4,400 per month on board compensation or \$52,800 annually. Historically, this cost has been less because the board typically meets less often.

Under this bill, if SacRT held three publicly noticed meetings per month and 11 board members attended, SacRT would spend \$6,600 per month on board compensation or \$79,200 annually. Actual costs would likely be less because SacRT's 2026 meeting schedule indicates only one noticed board meeting per month.

Board member compensation was last updated in 2006 when AB 2137 (Niello), Chapter 272, Statutes of 2006, increased compensation from \$50 to \$100.

Mandate. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local governments for the cost of new programs or higher levels of service mandated by the Legislature, the Governor, or any state agency (Section 6 of Article XIII B). The Constitution also creates specific exceptions to state reimbursement, including when the local agency affected requests the mandate.

Because SacRT is sponsoring this bill on its own behalf, the state is not required to reimburse the district for costs resulting from the bill.

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