

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
AB 1625 (Nguyen)
As Introduced January 22, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Makes changes to the meeting compensation for the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Board.

Major Provisions

- 1) Increases the amount a member of the SacRT Board shall be compensated for attendance at a noticed meeting of the Board from \$100 to \$200.
- 2) Reduces the number of noticed meetings a SacRT Board member may be compensated for attending from four a month to three a month.

COMMENTS

Sacramento Regional Transit District. SacRT was established by SB 1477 (Rodda), Chapter 1374, Statutes of 1971. SacRT serves citizens in the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova, by operating over 82 bus routes (fixed-route, microtransit, and dial-a-ride), 43 miles of light rail serving 53 light rail stations and ADA paratransit services across an approximately 440 square-mile service area.

SacRT is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors comprised of directors that are appointed by the different jurisdictions: three members by Sacramento County, three members by the City of Sacramento, two members by the City of Elk Grove, and one member each from the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova. Areas currently authorized to join, but have yet to, are the cities of Davis, Galt, Isleton, Roseville, West Sacramento, and Woodland, and specified parts of Sacramento and Yolo Counties.

The last measure to increase the board member compensation was AB 2137 (Niello), Chapter 272, Statutes of 2006, which was increased from \$50 to \$100 per meeting. Prior to 2006, SB 1866 (Rodda), Chapter 648, Statutes of 1980, increased the board member compensation from \$20 to \$50 per meeting.

According to the Author

According to the author, "The board of directors for the Sacramento Regional Transit District 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 agencies course and approving its operational budget. AB 1625 increases compensation per board meeting, which has remained stagnant since 2006, from \$100 to \$200, while also reducing the number of times the board can meet per month, from four times to three. In making these updates, AB 1615 ensures the Sacramento Transit District continues to operate as an efficient agency."

Arguments in Support

According to SacRT, "AB 1625 proposes a modest adjustment to the compensation for SacRT Board members (from \$100 to \$200 per meeting). The legislation also reduces the number of

meetings per month (from four to three) for which a board member can receive compensation. It should also be noted that while the Board sometimes met twice per month in the past, the members recently adopted a 2026 meeting schedule with one meeting per month moving forward.

"It has been 20 years since SacRT last increased Board member compensation, even as the scope and complexity of our operations have grown significantly. Today, SacRT serves over 1.5 million residents across a 400-square-mile service area, operating bus, light rail, and ADA paratransit services that provide nearly 20 million annual passenger trips.

"Our Board members, all locally elected City Council Members or County Supervisors, are responsible for guiding policy, approving budgets, and making decisions that impact the mobility, economy, and quality of life for the entire Sacramento region. These duties require substantial time, expertise, and engagement with the community. Updating compensation is a reasonable step to reflect the value of this commitment and ensure continued strong governance for one of California's largest transit agencies."

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

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.

VOTES

ASM LOCAL GOVERNMENT: 10-0-0

YES: Carrillo, Ta, Johnson, Pacheco, Ramos, Ransom, Blanca Rubio, Stefani, Ward, Wilson

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 13-0-2

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Muratsuchi, Pellerin

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