

**CHAPTER 378**

**H.B. No. 1182**

An Act relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System; amending Sections 111.33 and 111.34 of the Education Code; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 111.33, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 111.33. **SUITS.** The board has the power to sue and be sued in the name of the University of Houston. Venue shall be in either Harris County or Travis County. The university shall be impleaded by service of citation on the president or any of its vice presidents. *Nothing in this section shall be construed as granting legislative consent for suits against the board, the University of Houston System, or its component institutions and entities except as authorized by law.*

**SECTION 2.** Section 111.34, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 111.34. **CONTRACTS.** All contracts of the university shall be approved by a majority of the board. *However, the board is authorized to adopt reasonable rules that delegate to the president or his authorized representatives the authority to negotiate, approve, and execute contracts.*

**SECTION 3.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 2, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 10, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985