

## CHAPTER 672

S.B. No. 1355

An Act relating to the authority of the State Purchasing and General Services Commission to solicit and accept gifts for certain capital improvements including the establishment of a Sesquicentennial Monument Park; adding Section 5.33 to Article 5, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

**SECTION 1.** Article 5, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 5.33 to read as follows:

*"Section 5.33. DONATIONS. The commission may solicit and accept private donations to be used for a capital improvements project in the City of Austin known as the Congress Avenue beautification program. The program includes improvements within the Capitol complex in the area generally north of the Capitol along and on either side of Congress Avenue."*

**SECTION 2.** (a) The legislature endorses the general plan of the State Purchasing and General Services Commission for the establishment of a Sesquicentennial Monument Park in Austin as part of the North Congress Beautification Project on state properties along Congress Avenue from the Capitol north to Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard, to be the site of the Sesquicentennial Monument designed by sculptor Robert Summers, to be dedicated in the fall of 1986, and to be funded almost entirely from private donations.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the State Purchasing and General Services Commission pursue further preconstruction design work, using available existing funds and resources, for the Sesquicentennial Monument Park according to the general plan of the commission.

**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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: Immediately