

CHAPTER 952

H.B. No. 2281

AN ACT

relating to the acceptance of gifts and grants by the governor.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 401, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

*SUBCHAPTER C. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR*

*Sec. 401.031. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR. (a) The governor may accept gifts, grants, and donations of money or property on behalf of the state for any lawful public purpose related to the office of governor.*

*(b) The governor may decline to accept a gift, grant, or donation that is made for a specific purpose if the governor determines the gift may not be used reasonably or economically for the designated purpose.*

*Sec. 401.032. OTHER GIFTS. Unsolicited benefits received by the governor that are prohibited under Section 36.08, Penal Code, may be donated to a governmental entity that has the authority to accept the gift or to a recognized tax-exempt charitable organization formed for educational, religious, or scientific purposes.*

SECTION 2. 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 by the House on May 11, 1993, by a non-record vote; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2281 on May 27, 1993: Yeas 101, Nays 25, 1 present, not voting; the House adopted H.C.R. No. 170 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 2281 on May 28, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate adopted H.C.R. No. 170 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 2281 on May 28, 1993.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective June 19, 1993.