CHAPTER 396

H.B. No. 1271

AN ACT

relating to hours and days of work for employees of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 394, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 5165a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 2D to read as follows:

Sec. 2D. The governing board of an "institution of higher education" or a "university system," as those terms are defined in Section 61.003, Education Code, may make exceptions to the minimum length of the work week and the maximum length of a work day in order to achieve and maintain operational efficiency at an institution of higher education, a university system, or any office, department, or division of either; provided, that no full-time salaried employee may be authorized to work less than forty (40) hours in a calendar week by reason of action taken pursuant to this section.

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 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective June 17, 1987,