

CHAPTER 617

H.B. No. 1637

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the legislature and legislative agencies to accept gifts and grants.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 301.032 to read as follows:

*Sec. 301.032. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) Either house of the legislature may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of funding any legislative activity.*

*(b) A committee created by resolution may accept gifts, grants, and donations for purposes of funding the committee's activities unless the resolution prohibits the acceptance.*

*(c) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the appropriate body and reported in the public record of the accepting body with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.*

SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 321.021 to read as follows:

*Sec. 321.021. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The legislative audit committee may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of funding any activity under this chapter.*

*(b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the legislative audit committee and reported in the public record of the committee with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.*

SECTION 3. Chapter 322, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 322.012 to read as follows:

*Sec. 322.012. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The board may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of funding any activity under this chapter.*

*(b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the board and reported in the public record of the board with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.*

SECTION 4. Chapter 323, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 323.016 to read as follows:

*Sec. 323.016. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The council may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of funding any activity under this chapter.*

*(b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the council and reported in the public record of the council with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.*

SECTION 5. Chapter 324, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 324.009 to read as follows:

*Sec. 324.009. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The board may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of funding any activity under this chapter.*

*(b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the board and reported in the public record of the board with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.*

SECTION 6. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 325.024 to read as follows:

*Sec. 325.024. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The commission may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of funding any activity under this chapter.*

*(b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the commission and reported in the public record of the commission with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift, grant, or donation.*

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 8. 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 30, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1637 on May 25, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.