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H.B. No. 298

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to athletic conference membership by institutions of
3 higher education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 51.979 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.979. COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.
8 Notwithstanding any other section of this code, a public senior
9 college or university, as defined by Section 61.003(4), and the
10 governing board of each institution may not change membership in a
11 collegiate athletic conference without passage of a concurrent
12 resolution by a majority vote in both legislative chambers.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
18 legislative session.