

By: West

S.B. No. 696

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to student buildings fees at The University of Texas at Dallas.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 54.531, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.531. STUDENT UNION BUILDINGS [~~BUILDING~~] FEES; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS.

SECTION 2. Section 54.531, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may levy a student union fee, not to exceed \$100 [~~\$60~~] per student for each regular semester and not to exceed \$50 [~~\$40~~] per student for each term of the summer session, for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving [~~a~~] student union buildings [~~building~~] for The University of Texas at Dallas.

(a-1) The amount of the fee levied under this section may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by 10 percent or more the amount of the fee levied during the preceding academic year [~~provided, however, that the fee may not be increased above \$40 per student for each regular semester and \$26.67 per student for each term of the summer session~~] unless the increase is approved by a

1 majority vote of [~~those~~] students enrolled at the university  
2 participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

3       (a-2) The fee [~~fees herein~~] authorized to be levied under  
4 this section is [~~are~~] in addition to any use or service fee [~~now or~~  
5 ~~hereafter~~] authorized to be levied.

6       SECTION 3. The heading to Section 54.5312, Education Code,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8       Sec. 54.5312. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDINGS [~~BUILDING~~] FEE;  
9 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS.

10       SECTION 4. Section 54.5312(a), Education Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12       (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System  
13 may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at  
14 Dallas a student services buildings [~~building~~] fee for the sole  
15 purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and  
16 improving [~~a~~] student services buildings [~~building~~] at the  
17 university.

18       SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
19 beginning with fees imposed for the 2024 fall semester.

20       SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.