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H.B. No. 1537

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a fee for statues of Barbara Jordan and Cesar Chavez and  
3 related scholarships at The University of Texas at Austin.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 54.5135 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5135. BARBARA JORDAN AND CESAR CHAVEZ STATUES FEE;  
8 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN. (a) The board of regents of The  
9 University of Texas System may charge and collect from students  
10 registered at The University of Texas at Austin a fee of \$2 for any  
11 semester or summer session. The fee shall be used for funding the  
12 construction of a Barbara Jordan statue and a Cesar Chavez statue on  
13 the campus of The University of Texas at Austin and to establish  
14 Barbara Jordan and Cesar Chavez student scholarships.

15 (b) The board shall deposit one-half of the revenue  
16 collected from the fee into the Barbara Jordan statue fee account  
17 for the purposes of constructing the Barbara Jordan statue and, if  
18 funds permit, establishing Barbara Jordan student scholarships.  
19 Any funds deposited in the account in excess of the cost of the  
20 construction of the statue shall be used to establish the student  
21 scholarships.

22 (c) The board shall deposit the remaining revenue collected  
23 from the fee into the Cesar Chavez statue fee account for the  
24 purposes of constructing the Cesar Chavez statue and, if funds

1 permit, establishing Cesar Chavez student scholarships. Any funds  
2 deposited in the account in excess of the cost of the construction  
3 of the statue shall be used to establish the student scholarships.

4 (d) A fee may not be charged under this section after August  
5 31, 2007.

6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
7 beginning with fees due for the 2003 fall semester.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.