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S.B. No. 334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to student center fees at Stephen F. Austin State
3 University.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.520, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
7 as follows:

8 (a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
9 (b) of this section, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State
10 University may charge each student enrolled in one or more courses
11 conducted by ~~[on the main campus of]~~ the university a regular, fixed
12 fee, not to exceed \$100 ~~[\$15]~~ per student for each semester of the
13 long session and not to exceed \$50 ~~[\$7.50]~~ per student for all or
14 part of each six-week term of the summer session, for the purpose of
15 acquiring, constructing, renovating, operating, maintaining,
16 improving, equipping, and financing a [the] university center ~~[and~~
17 ~~acquiring]~~ or ~~[constructing]~~ additions to the center. ~~[The amount~~
18 ~~of the fee may be changed at any time within the limits specified in~~
19 ~~order to provide sufficient funds to support the university~~
20 ~~center.]~~ The fees authorized in this section supplement any other
21 use or service fee authorized by law.

22 (b) The decision to levy ~~[such]~~ a fee under this section and
23 [7] the amount of the initial fee ~~[, and any increase in the fee]~~
24 must be approved by a majority vote of those students participating

1 in a general election called for that purpose.

2 (d) To provide sufficient money to support the university
3 center, the board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
4 charged under this section at any time within the applicable
5 maximum amount provided by Subsection (a), except that the amount
6 of the fee may not be increased by more than 10 percent from one
7 academic year to the next unless the increase has been approved by a
8 majority vote of those students participating in a general student
9 election called for that purpose.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
11 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
12 effective date of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. 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 September 1, 2003.