

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 334
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 334 By: Staples

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to student center fees at Stephen F. Austin State
1-11 University.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.520, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
1-15 as follows:

1-16 (a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
1-17 (b) ~~[of this section]~~, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin
1-18 State University may charge each student enrolled in one or more
1-19 courses conducted by ~~[on the main campus of]~~ the university a
1-20 ~~[regular, fixed]~~ fee in the amount of \$9 for each semester credit
1-21 hour, in a total amount of at least \$35 but not to exceed \$85 ~~[\$15]~~
1-22 per student for each semester or ~~[of the long session and not to~~
1-23 ~~exceed \$7.50 per student for all or part of each six-week term of~~
1-24 ~~the]~~ summer session, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing,
1-25 renovating, operating, maintaining, improving, equipping, and
1-26 financing a [the] university center [and acquiring] or
1-27 [constructing] additions to the center. [The amount of the fee may
1-28 be changed at any time within the limits specified in order to
1-29 provide sufficient funds to support the university center.] The
1-30 fees authorized in this section supplement any other use or service
1-31 fee authorized by law.

1-32 (b) The decision to levy ~~[such]~~ a fee under this section~~[,~~
1-33 ~~the amount of the initial fee, and any increase in the fee]~~ must be
1-34 approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a
1-35 general election called for that purpose.

1-36 (d) To provide sufficient money to support the university
1-37 center, the board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
1-38 charged under this section at any time, except that the amount of
1-39 the fee may not be increased by more than 10 percent from one
1-40 academic year to the next unless the increase has been approved by a
1-41 majority vote of those students participating in a general student
1-42 election called for that purpose.

1-43 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-44 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
1-45 effective date of this Act.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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