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H.B. No. 2212

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the student union fee charged at The University of Texas at El Paso.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.535, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.535. STUDENT UNION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may levy a student union fee not to exceed \$75 [~~\$30~~] per student for each regular semester or each summer session of 8 six weeks or more, and not to exceed \$37.50 [~~\$15~~] per student for each summer session of less than six weeks, for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for The University of Texas at El Paso.

(b) The board of regents may pledge the fees charged under this section to pay obligations issued pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University of Texas System.

(c) Subject to the limit provided by Subsection (a), the board of regents may increase the student union fee in order to provide sufficient funds to support the operation of the student union. Unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called at The University of Texas at El Paso for that purpose, an increase for any academic year may not exceed \$3 per student per semester or term of

1 10 weeks or more, or \$1.50 per student for a shorter term.

2 (d) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
3 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining
4 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed
5 under Section 54.503[; provided, however, that the fee may not be
6 increased above \$15 per student for each regular semester or each
7 summer session of six weeks or more and \$7.50 per student for each
8 summer session of less than six weeks unless the increase is
9 approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a
10 general election. The fees herein authorized to be levied are in
11 addition to any use or service fee now or hereafter authorized to be
12 levied. (b) Such fees shall be deposited to an account known as
13 The University of Texas at El Paso student union fee account and
14 shall be placed under the control of and subject to the order of the
15 Student Union Advisory Committee. The committee shall annually
16 submit to the president of The University of Texas at El Paso a
17 complete and itemized budget to be accompanied by a full and
18 complete report of all activities conducted during the past year
19 and all expenditures made incident thereto. The president shall
20 submit the budget to the board of regents as part of the
21 institutional budget. The board of regents shall make such changes
22 in the budget as it deems necessary before approving the budget, and
23 shall then levy the fees, within the limits herein fixed, in such
24 amounts as will be sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the
25 student union building].

26 SECTION 2. Section 54.535, Education Code, as amended by
27 this Act, takes effect beginning with the 2005 fall semester.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.