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H.B. No. 868

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the recreational facility fee at The University of  
3 Texas at El Paso.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 54.541(a) and (c), Education Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System  
8 may charge each student enrolled at The University of Texas at El  
9 Paso a recreational facility fee not to exceed \$70 [~~\$12~~] per student  
10 for a term or semester of 10 weeks or more or \$50 for any other term  
11 or semester [~~per semester or summer session~~]. The fee may be used  
12 only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and  
13 improving new and existing recreational sports facilities and  
14 programs at The University of Texas at El Paso.

15 (c) The recreational facility fee may not be increased  
16 [~~levied~~] unless the amount of the increase [~~fee~~] is approved [~~and~~  
17 ~~the amount of the fee is set~~] by a majority vote of those students  
18 participating in a general student election called at The  
19 University of Texas at El Paso for that purpose.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to  
21 fees charged beginning with the 2007 fall semester. A fee charged  
22 for a term or semester before the 2007 fall semester is covered by  
23 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,  
24 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.