

AN ACT

relating to authorizing an increase in the student union fee at the University of Houston.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.526, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of the University of Houston System may levy a student union fee, not to exceed \$150 [~~\$35~~] per student for each regular semester and not to exceed \$75 [~~\$17.50~~] per student for each term of the summer session. The sole purpose of the fee is financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a Student Union Building for the University of Houston. The fees herein authorized to be levied are in addition to any use or service fee now or hereafter authorized to be levied.

(c) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with student fees charged by a public institution of higher education for the 2009-2010 academic year. Student fees

1 charged by a public institution of higher education for an academic  
2 year before that academic year are covered by the law in effect  
3 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
4 continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2961 was passed by the House on May 5, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2961 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor