

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 1121
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2011; March 16, 2011, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 24, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 24, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the student fees for the university center at
1-9 Midwestern State University.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 54.518, Education Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
1-13 as follows:

1-14 (a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
1-15 (b) [~~of this section~~], the Board of Regents of Midwestern State
1-16 University is hereby authorized to levy a regular, fixed student
1-17 fee not to exceed, except as authorized under Subsection (d), \$15
1-18 per student for each semester of the long session and not to exceed
1-19 \$7.50 per student for all or part of each term of the summer session
1-20 for the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving, equipping,
1-21 and financing the university center and acquiring or constructing
1-22 additions to the center. The amount of the fee may be changed at any
1-23 time within the limits specified by this subsection in order to
1-24 provide sufficient funds to support the university center. The
1-25 fees authorized in this section supplement any other use or service
1-26 fee authorized by law.

1-27 (b) The decision to levy such a fee, the amount of the
1-28 initial fee, and any increase in the fee within the limits specified
1-29 by Subsection (a) must be approved by a majority vote of those
1-30 students participating in a general election called for that
1-31 purpose.

1-32 (d) The board may increase the amount of the fee for a
1-33 semester or summer session in excess of the applicable amount
1-34 provided by Subsection (a) if the increase is approved by a majority
1-35 vote of those students participating in a general election called
1-36 for that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may
1-37 not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased
1-38 amount is first charged unless, before the end of that academic
1-39 year, the institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in
1-40 which event the increased amount may not be charged after the
1-41 academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds
1-42 for those bonds, have been fully paid.

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, 2011.

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