

AN ACT

relating to the imposition of the student centers fee at Texas Woman's University.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of Texas Woman's University may levy a regular, fixed student fee of not less than \$25 or more than \$75 [~~\$40~~] per student for each semester of the long session and of not less than \$12.50 or more than \$35 [~~\$20~~] per student for each term of the summer session, as the board determines is just and necessary for the purpose of financing, improving, operating, maintaining, and equipping student centers and acquiring or constructing additions to student centers.

(c) Revenue from a fee imposed under this section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the "Texas Woman's University Student Center Fee Account" under the control of the university's student fee advisory committee. Annually, the committee shall submit to the president of the university its recommendation for any change to the amount of the fee and a complete and itemized budget for the student center together with a complete report of all student center activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those

1 activities. The president shall submit the budget to the board of
 2 regents as part of the university's institutional budget. The
 3 board of regents may make changes in the budget that the board
 4 determines are necessary [~~The board shall keep fees collected under~~
 5 ~~this section in an account apart from the educational and general~~
 6 ~~funds of the university. The board shall deposit the fees in a~~
 7 ~~depository bank designated by the board and shall secure the~~
 8 ~~deposits as required by law].~~

9 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may increase
 10 the amount of the fee for a semester or summer session to an amount
 11 that does not exceed \$150 if the increase is approved by a majority
 12 vote of those students participating in a general election called
 13 for that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may
 14 not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased
 15 amount is first charged unless, before the end of that academic
 16 year, the institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in
 17 which event the increased amount may not be charged after the
 18 academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds
 19 for those bonds, have been fully paid.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 21 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
 22 effective date of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 27 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 596 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 596 passed the House, with amendment, on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 14, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor