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S.B. No. 1205

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the environmental services fee at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 54.5041, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) 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,]~~

(1) the institution 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; or

(2) the continuation of the fee is approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the institution who participate in a general student election called for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives the vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.