

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 837
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2017; February 27, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 1, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 1, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Buckingham			X	
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Watson	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 837 By: Seliger

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to requirements for student elections to authorize or
 1-20 increase certain fees at public institutions of higher education.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 54.5001 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 54.5001. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT FEE
 1-25 ELECTIONS. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter
 1-26 or other law, a general student election held at a general academic
 1-27 teaching institution under this subchapter for the purpose of
 1-28 authorizing a student fee or approving an increase in the amount of
 1-29 an existing student fee is not valid unless:

1-30 (1) at least 10 percent of the students enrolled at the
 1-31 institution to whom the fee, or the increased amount of the fee,
 1-32 would apply if currently in effect participate in the election; and

1-33 (2) at least 30 percent of the students participating
 1-34 in the election are students enrolled in lower-division courses at
 1-35 the institution.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 54.5001, Education Code, as added by
 1-37 this Act, applies only to an election held to authorize the
 1-38 imposition of a fee or fee increase on or after the effective date
 1-39 of this Act.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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