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S.B. No. 1552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an environmental service fee charged by an institution
3 of higher education.

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

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

7 (h) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year
8 following the most recent academic year in which the fee was
9 approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the
10 institution unless the fee is reauthorized and approved by a
11 majority vote of the students enrolled at the institution
12 participating in a new general student election called for that
13 purpose [~~in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of~~
14 ~~that academic year, the institution has issued bonds payable in~~
15 ~~whole or in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be~~
16 ~~charged after the academic year in which all such bonds, including~~
17 ~~refunding bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid].~~

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.