

AN ACT

relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.535(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may levy a student union fee ~~[not to exceed \$30 per student for each regular semester or each summer session of six weeks or more, and not to exceed \$15 per student for each summer session of less than six weeks,~~] for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for The University of Texas at El Paso, including demolition of the existing student union building; provided, however, that the fee may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by at least 10 percent the amount of the fee levied during the preceding academic year, ~~[above \$15 per student for each regular semester or each summer session of six weeks or more and \$7.50 per student for each summer session of less than six weeks]~~ unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of ~~[those]~~ students enrolled at the university participating in a general student election held for that purpose. A fee imposed under this section is ~~[The fees herein authorized to be levied are]~~ in addition to any other ~~[use or service]~~ fee the board is ~~[now or hereafter]~~ authorized by law to

1 impose [~~be levied~~].

2 SECTION 2. Section [54.535](#), Education Code, as amended by
3 this Act, applies beginning with student union fees collected for
4 the 2026 spring semester.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 2853

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2853 was passed by the House on May 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 80, Nays 55, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2853 on May 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 105, Nays 34, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2853 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor