

CHAPTER 341

S.B. No. 579

AN ACT

relating to a student union building fee at The University of Texas—Pan American.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.541 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.541. STUDENT UNION BUILDING FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS—PAN AMERICAN. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section, the board of regents of The University of Texas System may levy a student union fee, not to exceed \$30 for each student for each regular semester or \$15 for each student for each term of the summer session, for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for The University of Texas—Pan American.

(b) The board of regents may pledge the fees levied under this section to pay obligations issued pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University of Texas System.

(c) A student union fee levied under this section may not be levied or increased unless the levy or increase is approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general election held for that purpose.

(d) Student union fees levied under this section are in addition to any other fee the board of regents is authorized by law to charge and may not be considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may be charged under Section 54.503(b) of this code.

(e) The board shall deposit student union fees levied under this section to the credit of an account known as The University of Texas—Pan American Student Union Fee Account.

(f) Notwithstanding Section 51.002 of this code, student union fees levied under this section are under the control of the Student Union Advisory Committee. The committee annually shall submit to the president of The University of Texas—Pan American a complete and itemized budget with a complete report of all activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those activities. The president shall submit the budget to the board of regents as part of the institutional budget. Before approving the budget, the board of regents may make changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary. After approving the budget, the board, in accordance with this section, may levy the student union fees for that year in amounts sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the student union building.

SECTION 2. The fee authorized by Section 54.541, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the fall semester 1993 if the fee is approved by majority vote of those students participating in a general election held for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 23, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 29, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.