

CHAPTER 58

S.B. No. 615

AN ACT

relating to a recreational facility fee at The University of Texas at El Paso.

*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. RECREATIONAL FACILITY FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may charge each student enrolled at The University of Texas at El Paso a recreational facility fee not to exceed \$12 per student per semester or summer session. The fee may be used only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving new and existing recreational sports facilities and programs at The University of Texas at El Paso.*

*(b) The board of regents is authorized to pledge the fees levied under this section for the payment of obligations issued for authorized purposes pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University of Texas System.*

*(c) The recreational facility fee may not be levied unless the fee is approved and the amount of the fee is set by majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called at The University of Texas at El Paso for that purpose.*

*(d) The University of Texas at El Paso shall collect the recreational facility fee and deposit the money collected in an account to be known as The University of Texas at El Paso recreational facility account.*

*(e) The recreational facility fee is not counted in determining the maximum amount of student services fees which may be charged under Section 54.503 of this code, as amended.*

SECTION 2. Section 54.541, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the fall semester in 1993.

SECTION 3. All recreational facilities fees approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called at The University of Texas at El Paso for that purpose before the effective date of this Act are validated, ratified, and confirmed as they were adopted in compliance with this Act.

SECTION 4. 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 31, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 11, 1993: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved April 29, 1993.

Effective April 29, 1993.