

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 596
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 17, 2015; February 23, 2015,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 25, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 25, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the imposition of the student centers fee at Texas
1-18 Woman's University.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended by
1-21 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (a) The board of regents of Texas Woman's University may
1-24 levy a regular, fixed student fee of not less than \$25 or more than
1-25 \$75 [~~\$40~~] per student for each semester of the long session and of
1-26 not less than \$12.50 or more than \$35 [~~\$20~~] per student for each
1-27 term of the summer session, as the board determines is just and
1-28 necessary for the purpose of financing, improving, operating,
1-29 maintaining, and equipping student centers and acquiring or
1-30 constructing additions to student centers.

1-31 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may increase
1-32 the amount of the fee for a semester or summer session to an amount
1-33 that does not exceed \$150 if the increase is approved by a majority
1-34 vote of those students participating in a general election called
1-35 for that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may
1-36 not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased
1-37 amount is first charged unless, before the end of that academic
1-38 year, the institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in
1-39 which event the increased amount may not be charged after the
1-40 academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds
1-41 for those bonds, have been fully paid.

1-42 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-43 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
1-44 effective date of this Act.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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