Kyle Field Renovation Fee Referendum
“Whereas (1): Kyle Field is expected to undergo a $430 million renovation beginning in 2014, of which students have been asked to contribute $75 million; and,

Whereas (2): To pay a 30-year bond for this amount, not accounting for growth in enrollment, $4.93 million will need to be paid per year; and,

Whereas (3): The administration of Texas A&M University has proposed funding this amount through a combination of increases to the University Advancement Fee and increases to the prices of student tickets and sports passes; and,

Whereas (4): The University Advancement Fee is currently $1326.09 per semester for a full time student, and raises a total of $113 million per year from students, which is then allocated according to the priorities of the A&M administration; and,

Whereas (5): It is the opinion of the Student Senate that one option for funding the student component of Kyle Field renovations is to pull the needed $4.93 million from the current University Advancement Fee; and,

Whereas (6): Alternatively, in the event this referendum holds that students should bear an additional cost to fund these renovations and preserve existing programs funded by the UAF, a fair split between sports pass and fee costs would be an increase of $139.20 per sports pass, and an increase of $1.55 per semester credit hour ($23.25 for full time students) to the UAF. This would represent a 40/60 split of new fees and sports pass costs.
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University hereby calls for a referendum to be held during the spring student body elections of February 21 and 22 in order to determine the position of the student body on this issue; and,

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Enacted(2): The result of the referendum shall stand as the official policy of the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University for one (1) calendar year following the closure of voting during said elections; and,

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Enacted(3): The following question shall be placed on the ballot, as well as a link to the final copy of this bill in full:

"The Texas A&M administration has proposed a renovation of Kyle Field, which will begin in 2014. This will include significant improvements to the first deck of the east side of the stadium, as well as renovations to bathroom, concessions, and other facilities. To cover these expenses, the student body has been asked to contribute $75 million through a bond to be paid over the next 30 years. The University has promised that, regardless of how the renovation is funded, students will retain the number of seats they currently enjoy in Kyle Field.

Part of the cost to students will be covered through increases to the price of sports passes; the remainder will be funded out of the University Advancement Fee, which currently stands at $1326.09 per semester for full time students. An increase to this fee has been proposed, but existing uses of this fee may be reprioritized instead to cover these costs. The total proposed, permanent increases would add an additional $1.55 per semester credit hour ($23.25 per semester for full time students) to the University Advancement Fee and $139.20 to sports passes. Do you support these increases, or do you oppose these increases and wish to fund the improvements out of existing revenue streams?

SUPPORT permanently increasing the University Advancement Fee by $1.55/SCH ($23.25 for full time students) and sports pass prices by $139.20

OPPOSE increasing sports pass prices and fees, and support funding the renovations out of funds currently generated by the University Advancement Fee"
Let it be
Further Enacted(4): That a copy of this legislation, as well as the results of the referendum, shall be sent to the following individuals within 5 days of the certification of the referendum results by the Chief Justice of the Judicial Court:

- Texas A&M University President Bowen Loftin
- Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp
- Athletic Director Eric Hyman
- All members of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents