



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5343

LCO No. 355



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' SELECTION OF AN EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING UNIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 68 of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Allow
2 public employees to vote, at least every four years, to (A) redesignate
3 their current employee organization as their exclusive bargaining agent,
4 (B) select a different employee organization to represent them, (C)
5 choose to have no employee organization represent them, and (D)
6 organize a new employee organization; (2) require that, if no such
7 election is conducted in such a four-year period or in the manner
8 required, the employee organization shall be undesignated by the State
9 Board of Labor Relations; (3) require that an employee organization
10 receive votes from a majority of all employees who will be represented,
11 regardless of membership, in order to be designated as an exclusive
12 representative; (4) require that voting be by secret ballot and that such
13 voting may be conducted by phone, Internet or other means; (5) require
14 that the cost of such election be the responsibility of the employee
15 organization; and (6) require that, in the event that an employee

16 organization is no longer designated as the exclusive representative of
17 a collective bargaining unit, a similar or affiliated employee
18 organization shall not reorganize the bargaining unit within one year of
19 the election.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect public employees' right to elect a union of their choice to represent their interests.