
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to payroll withholdings for the payment of dues to labor organizations.

Present law provides that an employee of a school board may authorize his employing school board to deduct and withhold from his earnings a specific amount for the payment of regular dues owed to any organization of school employees.

Present law provides that any state, parish, or city employee may authorize his employer to withhold from his salary a specific amount for payment of his dues to any labor organization.

Present law provides that employees of certain publicly owned or operated transportation systems may authorize their employer to make deductions from wages and salaries pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement with a duly designated or certified labor organization for the payment of union dues, fees, or assessments.

Proposed law relative to all such payroll deductions, provides as follows:

- (1) Any such authorization shall expire in one year but may be renewed.
- (2) Authorizes an employee to request cessation of such withholdings. Provides that pursuant to such a request, the employee shall not accrue any further debt to the organization. Further provides that the employee's right to immediately discontinue any financial obligation to the organization shall not be waived.
- (3) Requires any organization on behalf of which an employer withholds funds to certify to the employer that membership dues are not used for political activity. Requires that organizations annually report to employers on the use of dues. Provides that an organization that violates proposed law is permanently barred from arranging for the collection of its membership dues by the employer.

(Amends R.S. 17:438, R.S. 23:890(F), and R.S. 42:456(A)(1) and 457)