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# Sen. Crowell Proposes Legislation Protecting State Workers

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JEFFERSON CITY—Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, has pre-filed a bill shielding state workers from unauthorized withholdings from their paychecks.

Senate Bill 610 requires that public employee labor unions obtain written consent from state workers before any fees can be withheld from the employees' paychecks. Each year, the employee must also specify in writing how much is to be withheld and indicate whether that amount may be used for political contributions.

"The idea here is to give state employees choices," Crowell said. "They have worked hard for their money and have the right to decide if and how much of it goes toward unions."

The labor organizations are charged with keeping records of all authorizations and submitting them to the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission. The measure also provides that state workers' decisions to authorize or refrain from authorizing a payroll deduction will not affect their employment.

The Second Regular Session of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly convenes Jan. 4, 2006.

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