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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 105, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to labor organizations, with a referendum clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 105, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new

section, to be known as section 105.504, to read as follows: 105.504. 1. No sum shall be withheld from the earnings of any

public employee for the purposes of paying any portion of dues, agency shop fees, or any other fees paid by public employee members of a 4 public labor organization, or public employees who are not members except upon the annual written authorization of the public employee

member, or the public employee who is not a member, received on a

7 form described by subsection 2 of this section.

8 2. The authorization referred to in subsection 1 of this section shall be made on the following form, the sole purpose of which is the documentation of such authorization. The form's title shall read, in at 10 least twenty-four point bold type, "Consent for Withholding Union 11 Dues/Fees", and shall state in at least fourteen-point bold type, the 12 13 following specific text:

"Signing this form authorizes the amount of \$...... to be 14 withheld from your monthly earnings and allocated to your labor organization as a portion of your dues, agency shop fees, or other fee 16 payments for the next twelve months. You are not obligated to sign this 17 authorization. Your signature below is completely voluntary and 18

19 cannot in any way affect your employment."

20 3. No public labor organization shall use or obtain any portion of dues, agency shop fees, or any other fees paid by public employee

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members of the labor organization, or public employees who are not members, to make contributions or expenditures as defined in section 24130.011, except upon the written authorization of such member or non member, received within the previous twelve months on a form 26 described by subsection 4 of this section signed by such member or non member and an officer of the union. 27

4. The authorization referred to in subsection 3 of this section shall be made on the following form, the sole purpose of which is the documentation of such authorization. The form's title shall read, in at 31 least twenty-four point bold type, "Consent for Political Use of 32 Dues/Fees", and shall state in at least fourteen point bold type, the following specific text:

34 "Signing this form authorizes your union to use the amount of 35 \$..... from each of your dues or agency shop fee payments 36 during the next twelve months as a political contribution or 37 expenditure."

38 "Signing this form requests your union to use the amount of 39 \$..... from each of your dues or agency shop fee payments during the next twelve months as a political contribution to a 40 41 continuing committee formed by your public labor organization.

42Check applicable box.

You are not obligated to sign this authorization. Your signature below 43 is completely voluntary and cannot in any way affect your 44 employment." 45

5. Any public labor organization that uses any portion of dues, agency shop fees, or other fees to make contributions or expenditures under subsection 3 of this section shall maintain records that include a copy of each authorization obtained under subsection 4 of this 50 section, the amounts and dates funds were actually transferred, the 51 amounts and dates funds were transferred to the public labor organization's continuing committee. Records maintained under this 52subsection shall not include the employee's home address or telephone number.

6. Copies of all records maintained under subsection 5 of this section shall be sent to the labor and industrial relations commission established under section 286.005.

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7. Individuals who do not authorize contributions or 59 expenditures under subsection 3 of this section shall not have their 60 dues, agency shop fees, or other fees increased in lieu of contribution 61 or expenditure.

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- 8. The requirements of this section shall not be waived by the member or non member and waiver of the requirements shall not be made a condition of employment or continued employment.
- 9. Signing or refraining from signing the authorizations referred to in subsections 2 or 4 of this section shall not be made a condition of employment or continued employment.
- 10. For the purposes of this section, "agency shop" means an arrangement that requires an employee, as a condition of continued employment, either to join the recognized employee organization, or to pay the organization a service fee.
- 11. For the purposes of this section, "public labor organization" includes any organization which exists and is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining or dealing with public employers concerning grievances, terms, or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection.

Section B. This act is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state for approval or rejection at an election which is hereby ordered and which shall be held and conducted on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2016, pursuant to the laws and constitutional provisions of this state for the submission of referendum measures by the general assembly, and this act shall become effective when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at such election and not otherwise.