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CHAPTER 509

AN ACT to create subchapter IV of chapter 111 of the statutes, relating to rights of employes of local units of government to form and join labor organizations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subchapter IV of chapter 111 of the statutes is created to read:

SUBCHAPTER IV.

RIGHT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO ORGANIZE OR JOIN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

111.70 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT. (1) DEFINITIONS. When used in this section:

(a) "Municipal employer" means any city, county, village, town, metropolitan sewerage district, school district or any other political subdivision of the state.

(b) "Municipal employe" means any employe of a municipal employer except city and village policemen, sheriff's deputies, and county traffic officers.

(2) RIGHTS OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. Municipal employes shall have the right of self-organization, to affiliate with labor organizations of their own choosing and the right to be represented by labor organizations of their own choice in conferences and negotiations with their municipal employers or their representatives on questions of wages, hours and conditions of employment, and such employes shall have the right to refrain from any and all such activities.

(3) PROHIBITED PRACTICES. (a) Municipal employers, their officers and agents are prohibited from:

1. Interfering with, restraining or coercing any municipal employe in the exercise of the rights provided in sub. (2).

2. Encouraging or discouraging membership in any labor organization, employe agency, committee, association or representation plan by discrimination in regard to hiring, tenure or other terms or conditions of employment.

(b) Municipal employes individually or in concert with others are prohibited from:

1. Coercing, intimidating or interfering with municipal employes in the enjoyment of their legal rights including those set forth in sub. (2).

2. Attempting to induce a municipal employer to coerce, intimidate or interfere with a municipal employe in the enjoyment of his legal rights including those set forth in sub. (2).

(c) It is a prohibited practice for any person to do or cause to be done, on behalf of or in the interest of any municipal employer or employe, or in connection with or to influence the outcome of any controversy, as to employment relations, any act prohibited by pars. (a) and (b).

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