

**CHAPTER 126 , Laws of 1981**

AN ACT to amend 111.92 (1) of the statutes, relating to the procedure for legislative approval of state employe collective bargaining agreements.

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

PREFATORY NOTE: Under subch. V of ch. 111, Wis. stats., tentative collective bargaining agreements between the executive branch and representatives of state employes must first be approved by the joint committee on employment relations.

After such approval, the joint committee is required to introduce in each house in companion bills that portion of each tentative agreement which requires legislative action for implementation. Upon introduction, the bills are referred *directly* to the calendar in each house.

To provide greater flexibility in the legislative ratification process, this bill provides that the joint committee may introduce a single bill in either house or companion bills in both houses which may be referred to the appropriate scheduling committee of each house (currently, the senate organization committee and the assembly rules committee) or referred directly to the calendar in each house.

SECTION 1. 111.92 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

111.92 (1) Tentative agreements reached between the department of employment relations, acting for the executive branch, and any certified labor organization shall, after official ratification by the ~~union~~ labor organization, be submitted to the joint committee on employment relations, which shall hold a public hearing before determining its approval or disapproval. If the committee approves the tentative agreement, it shall introduce in a bill or companion bills, to be put on the calendar or referred to the appropriate scheduling committee of each house, that portion of the tentative agreement which requires legislative action for implementation, such as salary and wage adjustments, changes in fringe benefits, and any proposed amendments, deletions or additions to existing law. Such bill or companion bills shall not be subject to ss. 13.10 (1), 13.50 (6) (a) and (b) and 16.47 (2). The committee may, however, submit suitable portions of the tentative agreement to appropriate legislative committees for advisory recommendations on the proposed terms. The committee shall accompany the introduction of such proposed legislation with a message that informs the legislature of the committee's concurrence with the matters under consideration and which recommends the passage of such legislation without change. If the joint committee on employment relations does not approve the tentative agreement, it shall be returned to the parties for renegotiation. If the legislature does not adopt without change that portion of the tentative agreement introduced by the joint committee on employment relations, the tentative agreement shall be returned to the parties for negotiation.

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