2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 175

March 12, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives TRAVIS, MUSSER, SHERIDAN, SINICKI and TURNER, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN and PLALE. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

1 AN ACT *to create* 40.02 (39u) and 40.08 (2e) of the statutes; **relating to:** 2 deduction of membership dues from retirement annuities under the Wisconsin 3 Retirement System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Wisconsin Retirement System annuitants may not currently authorize the Department of Employee Trust Funds (DETF) to deduct from their retirement annuities any membership dues to a labor organization, professional organization, or a retiree organization affiliated with a labor organization or professional organization. This bill authorizes DETF to make such deductions.

Because this bill relates to public employee retirement or pensions, it may be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems for a report to be printed as an appendix to the bill.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 40.02 (39u) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 40.02 (**39u**) "Labor organization" means a labor organization, as defined in s.
- 6 111.70 (1) (h) or 111.81 (12).

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SECTION 2. 40.08 (2e) of the statutes is created to read:
40.08 (2e) MEMBERSHIP DUES DEDUCTIONS. Subject to rules promulgated under
s. 40.03 (2) (i), an annuitant may authorize the department to deduct from the

4 annuitant's retirement annuity any membership dues to a professional organization,

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5 a labor organization, or a retiree organization that is affiliated with a professional

6 organization or a labor organization.

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