

SENATE BILL NO. 322

February 18, 1999, Introduced by Senators JAYE and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Labor, Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to prohibit expenditures of state taxpayer money on public employee labor organization activities; and to prescribe penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Labor organization" and "public employee labor
3 organization" mean the exclusive bargaining representative of
4 public employees.

5 (b) "Labor organization activities" means any of the
6 following:

7 (i) Collective bargaining activities.

8 (ii) Lobbying activities.

9 (iii) Electoral politics activities, including activities
10 related to ballot, bond, and millage issues.

1 (iv) Public relations.

2 (v) Litigation.

3 (vi) Defensive and offensive organizing, including member
4 recruitment, retention, and member-only benefits.

5 (vii) Charitable contributions and activities.

6 (viii) Any activity that provides an enrichment or benefit
7 to the labor organization or its members that is greater than
8 that activity provides to the general population.

9 (c) "Public employee" means that term as defined in section
10 1 of 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.201.

11 (d) "State taxpayer money" means funds accrued by the state
12 as a result of tax collection.

13 Sec. 2. A public employee labor organization shall not
14 receive or use state taxpayer money for labor organization
15 activities. A labor organization that violates this section is
16 liable for a civil fine that is equal to 2 times the amount of
17 taxpayer money expended by the labor organization on employee
18 labor organization activities.