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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the
Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit dues and
other fees payable to an employee organization from
being deducted from the payroll check of a public
employee and to prohibit those dues and fees from
being used for political purposes unless authorized by
the public employee.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general
election to be held on November 3, 2020, a proposal to enact
Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of
Ohio to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV

Section 12. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Employee organization" means any labor or bona fide
organization in which public employees participate and that
exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with

public employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, 20
hours, terms, and other conditions of employment. 21

(2) "Public employee" means any person holding a position 22
by appointment or employment in the service of a public 23
employer. 24

(3) "Public employer" means the state or any political 25
subdivision of the state located entirely within the state. 26

(B) No public employer shall deduct dues, initiation fees, 27
fair share fees, or other assessments payable to an employee 28
organization from the payroll check of a public employee. 29

(C) Unless a public employee authorizes an employee 30
organization to do so, no employee organization shall use a 31
public employee's dues, initiation fees, assessments, or fair 32
share fees in support of partisan politics or ideological causes 33
not germane to the work of employee organizations in the realm 34
of collective bargaining. 35

EFFECTIVE DATE 36

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 37
proposal, Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the 38
State of Ohio takes effect immediately. 39