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Representatives Becker, Riedel

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Zeltwanger, Vitale, Antani

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Section 22 of Article I of the
Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit laws,
rules, and agreements that require employees of public
sector employers to join or pay dues to an employee
organization and to prohibit employee organizations
from representing nonmember public sector employees in
employment-related matters.

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 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio
to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

Section 22. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public employer" means the state or any political

subdivision of the state located entirely within the state. 18

(2) "Public employee" means any person holding a position 19
by appointment or employment in the service of a public 20
employer. 21

(3) "Employee organization" means any labor or bona fide 22
organization in which public employees participate and that 23
exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with 24
public employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, 25
hours, terms, and other conditions of employment. 26

(B) No law, rule, agreement, or arrangement shall require, 27
directly or indirectly, any public employee or prospective 28
public employee to become or remain a member of an employee 29
organization. 30

(C) No law, rule, agreement, or arrangement shall require, 31
directly or indirectly, as a condition of employment any public 32
employee, prospective public employee, or public employer to pay 33
or transfer any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges of any 34
kind, or anything else of value, to an employee organization or 35
third party in lieu of the employee organization. 36

(D) No employee organization shall represent a public 37
employee in any matter concerning grievances, labor disputes, 38
wages, hours, terms, or other conditions of the employee's 39
employment unless the public employee is a member of the 40
employee organization. 41

(E) Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from 42
voluntarily belonging to or voluntarily providing support to an 43
employee organization. Nothing in this section applies to an 44
agreement entered into or renewed before the effective date of 45
this section. 46

(F) No other provision of the Ohio Constitution shall 47
impair or limit the rights contained in this section. 48

EFFECTIVE DATE 49

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 50
proposal, Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the 51
State of Ohio takes effect immediately. 52