
By Mr. Bulger, a petition of the Boston Teachers Union, by Martin Foley, for legislation to provide that public employees may strike. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES MAY STRIKE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (10) of section 178F of chapter 149
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 774 of the acts
3 of 1967, is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Nothing in this section shall be so construed as to deprive
6 employees of the right to strike; provided, however, that no
7 strike by such employees shall be voted until thirty days
8 after the commission has made its findings, as provided in
9 this subsection, and after said findings of fact, the employees
10 notify the employer that a strike shall be called at a future
11 date, which date shall not be less than ten days after such
12 notification to the employer.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 149 is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 178M, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 763 of
3 the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 178M.* Nothing in sections one hundred and seventy-
6 eight G to one hundred and seventy-eight N, inclusive, shall
7 be so construed as to deprive employees of the right to strike;
8 provided, however, that no strike by such employees shall be
9 voted until thirty days after the state labor commission has
10 made its fact findings, as provided in section one hundred and
11 seventy-eight L, and after said commission has stated its find-

12 ings, the employees notify the employer that a strike will
 13 be called by the employees organization at a future date, which
 14 date shall not be less than ten days after such notification
 15 to the employer.

1 SECTION 3. Section 178N of said chapter 149, as so ap-
 2 pearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 to 6,
 3 inclusive, the words “, nor shall anything in said sections con-
 4 stitute a grant of the right to strike to employees of any
 5 municipal employer”.