

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition of Brian S. Dempsey and another for legislation to provide that dispute resolution procedures be made available over issues arising during mid-term bargaining of public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES SHALL BE AVAILABLE OVER ISSUES ARISING DURING MID-TERM BARGAINING.

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. Section 9 of Chapter 150E of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of the first para-
3 graph of said Section 9 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following: —

5 After a reasonable period of negotiation over the terms of a col-
6 lective bargaining agreement or over mid-term bargain issues,
7 either party or the parties acting jointly may petition the board for
8 a determination of the existence of an impasse.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973, as most
2 recently amended by Chapter 589 of the acts of 1987, is hereby
3 amended by adding thereto the following new Section 5: —

4 Section 5. The dispute resolution procedures set forth in this
5 Section 4A shall be available to parties over issues arising during
6 mid-term bargaining.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on passage and shall be
2 applied prospectively and retroactively.

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