

HB 1053 -- LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

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This bill specifies that a person as a condition or continuation of employment cannot be required to:

- (1) Become or refrain from becoming a member of a labor organization as defined in the bill;
- (2) Pay dues, fees, assessments, or other charges to a labor organization; or
- (3) Pay to any charity or other third party any equivalent amount in lieu of dues, fees, assessments, or other charges required by a labor organization.

Any agreement, understanding, or practice between a labor organization and an employer that violates the rights of employees as specified in the bill will be unlawful, null and void, and of no legal effect.

Anyone violating a provision of the bill will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and any person injured as a result of a violation of a provision of the bill may recover all resulting damages, including costs and attorney fees, and will be entitled to injunctive relief against any violator or person threatening a violation.

Certain specified employers, employees, and agreements are exempt from the provisions of the bill.

The bill contains a referendum clause and will be submitted to qualified voters in November 2014.