



General Assembly

February Session, 2008

Raised Bill No. 55

LCO No. 166

00166_____LAB

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE LABOR
DEPARTMENT BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 There shall be, in the Labor Department, a Board of Mediation and
4 Arbitration, consisting of two panels of three members each. One
5 member of each panel of said board shall represent employers of labor,
6 one shall represent employees and one shall represent the public in
7 general. No such public member shall have been the representative of
8 any employer or employee in a labor dispute during the five years
9 immediately preceding the year of his appointment. One of the public
10 members of said board shall be the chairman. Each member
11 representing employees shall be a member of a bona fide labor
12 organization, which may be either a national or an independent
13 organization, but said two board members shall not be members of the
14 same labor organization. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
15 shall have the right to make recommendations to the Governor for
16 appointment of member of the board representing employers. On or

17 before July fifteenth in the odd-numbered years, the Governor shall
18 appoint two members of said board to succeed the members whose
19 terms expire. The term of office for the members of said board shall be
20 six years. The members so appointed shall have power to complete any
21 matter pending at the expiration of the terms for which they were
22 appointed. The board shall choose a public member as deputy
23 chairman to serve in case of the death, removal, incapacity or absence
24 of the chairman. Any vacancy in the membership of said board shall be
25 filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Any
26 member of the board may be removed by the Governor for cause or for
27 the good of the service, but only after notice and public hearing upon
28 charges preferred and subject to the right of appeal to the Superior
29 Court. A vacancy in the membership for any cause shall be filled by
30 the Governor within thirty days of the date of its occurrence.

31 Sec. 2. Section 31-92 of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

33 Whenever conditions warrant, the Labor Commissioner or the
34 chairman of the board shall request the Governor to appoint, and the
35 governor shall have authority to appoint, one or more alternate
36 members to the Board of Mediation and Arbitration in such numbers
37 as may be necessary, in order that said board may render efficient
38 service to employers and their employees whenever grievances or
39 disputes arise. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities shall
40 have the right to make recommendations to the Labor Commissioner
41 or chairman of the board for appointment of members of the board
42 representing employers. An alternate member may be so appointed for
43 a period of up to one year or until a replacement is appointed.
44 Alternate members so appointed shall have power to complete any
45 matter pending at the expiration of the terms for which they were
46 appointed. Alternate labor members shall be members of a bona fide
47 national or independent labor organization. Alternate members of the
48 Board of Mediation and Arbitration shall serve at any time when so
49 delegated by the board and while so serving shall have all the powers

50 of members of the board. Whenever an alternate member serves in
51 place of a member of the board, he shall represent the same interest as
52 the member in whose place he serves. Said board may, at its option,
53 require alternate members to sit with it in the fulfillment of any
54 function of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	31-91
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	31-92

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to make recommendations for appointments to the Labor Department Board of Mediation and Arbitration to increase municipal representation on the boards.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]