



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
ARBITRATION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS TO THE
ARBITRATION PANEL.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-473c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2013*):

4 (b) (1) If neither the municipal employer nor the municipal
5 employee organization has requested the arbitration services of the
6 State Board of Mediation and Arbitration (A) within one hundred
7 eighty days after the certification or recognition of a newly certified or
8 recognized municipal employee organization required to commence
9 negotiations pursuant to section 7-473a, or (B) within thirty days after
10 the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement, or within
11 thirty days after the specified date for implementation of reopener
12 provisions in an existing collective bargaining agreement, or within
13 thirty days after the date the parties to an existing collective bargaining
14 agreement commence negotiations to revise said agreement on any
15 matter affecting wages, hours, and other conditions of employment,

16 said board shall notify the municipal employer and municipal
17 employee organization that one hundred eighty days have passed
18 since the certification or recognition of the newly certified or
19 recognized municipal employee organization, or that thirty days have
20 passed since the specified date for implementation of reopener
21 provisions in an existing agreement, or the date the parties
22 commenced negotiations to revise an existing agreement on any matter
23 affecting wages, hours and other conditions of employment or the
24 expiration of such collective bargaining agreement and that binding
25 and final arbitration is now imposed on them, provided written
26 notification of such imposition shall be sent by registered mail or
27 certified mail, return receipt requested, to each party.

28 (2) Within ten days [of receipt of] after the parties receive the
29 written notification required pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
30 subsection, the [chief executive officer of the municipal employer and
31 the executive head of the municipal employee organization each shall
32 select one member of the arbitration panel] State Board of Mediation
33 and Arbitration shall appoint two members of the arbitration panel,
34 provided (A) the members so appointed are residents of this state, and
35 (B) the selection of the two members by the State Board of Mediation
36 and Arbitration shall be made at random from among the members of
37 the panel of neutral arbitrators appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of
38 this section.

39 (3) Within five days of their appointment, the two members of the
40 arbitration panel shall select a third member, who shall be an impartial
41 representative of the interests of the public in general and who shall be
42 selected from the panel of neutral arbitrators appointed pursuant to
43 subsection (a) of this section. Such third member shall be the
44 chairperson of the panel.

45 [(3) In the event that the municipal employer or the municipal
46 employee organization have not selected their respective members of
47 the arbitration panel or the two members of the panel have not

48 selected the third member, the State Board of Mediation and
49 Arbitration shall appoint such members as are needed to complete the
50 panel, provided (A) the member or members so appointed are
51 residents of this state, and (B) the selection of the third member of the
52 panel by the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration shall be made at
53 random from among the members of the panel of neutral arbitrators
54 appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2013	7-473c(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the efficiency of the municipal collective bargaining arbitration process through the appointment of neutral arbitrators at random to the arbitration panel.

[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.]