AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE VOTING RIGHTS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to protect public employee voting rights by allowing such employees to vote to recertify their union, vote for a different union to represent them, vote for no union or vote to organize a new union at least once every four years. If no election is conducted in the time and manner required, the union shall be decertified. In order to be certified, a union shall receive votes from a majority of all employees who will be represented, regardless of union membership. Voting shall be by secret ballot and such voting may be conducted by phone, Internet or other means. The costs of the election shall be borne by the union. In the event that a union is no longer certified, a similar or affiliated union may not reorganize the bargaining unit within one year of the election.

Statement of Purpose:
To protect public employees' rights to elect a union of their choice to represent their interests.