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An Act To Require the Consent of Union Members To Have Dues Used for Political Purposes

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 8 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 8

bargaining agent

<u>§ 876</u>. <u>Definitions</u>

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

<u>1. Bargaining agent.</u> "Bargaining agent" has the same meaning as in section 962, subsection 2.

§ 877. Use of fees for political purposes

A bargaining agent who receives a fee or dues from an employee for representation of that employee may not use any portion of the fee or dues for political purposes without written consent from the employee.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a bargaining agent who receives a fee or dues from an employee for representation of that employee to obtain written consent from that employee before using a portion of the fee or dues for political purposes.