

HB 64 -- PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Burlison)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety

This bill allows a labor organization to obtain contributions for a candidate, campaign committee, continuing committee, legislative campaign fund, political party, or person making disbursements to pay the direct costs of electioneering communications on an automatic basis through a payroll deduction only if the employee or organization member consents to the contribution each year in writing. These provisions do not apply to voluntary member-owned trade associations operating only in this state or to first responders, unless an employee is required to be a member or pay dues, fees, assessments, or any other similar charges however denominated to the association. These provisions must not be interpreted as denying a labor organization the right to receive and use dues for any legal purpose.

The bill also removes a duplicative section regarding the discrimination of an employee by reason of his political beliefs or opinions and the coercion or bribery of an employee regarding voting and political contributions.