

HB 1702 -- FREEDOM TO WORK ACT

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This bill establishes the Freedom to Work Act, which specifies that a person as a condition or continuation of employment cannot be required to join or refrain from joining a labor organization, to pay any money to a labor organization, or to pay any charity or third party the equivalent of money required to be paid by members of a labor organization. Any agreement between an employer and labor organization contrary to this provision is void.

The prosecuting attorney of each county, and the attorney general of this state will be responsible for investigating complaints of threatened or actual violations of this bill.

Certain specified employers, employees, and agreements are exempt from the provisions of this bill.

The provisions of the Freedom to Work Act will only apply in counties in which the act has been adopted by the governing body and approved by the voters of the county. The issue of repealing the act may be put on the ballot by the county governing body or by voter petition.

This bill is similar to HB 1772 (2014).