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House of Representatives, March 21, 2007

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

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LANSLEY of Sabattus.  
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, COTTA of China, EDGECOMB of Caribou, McKANE of  
Newcastle, ROBINSON of Raymond, SAMSON of Auburn, SAVIELLO of Wilton,  
VAUGHAN of Durham.

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

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

3 **CHAPTER 8**

4 **BARGAINING AGENT**

5 **§876. Definitions**

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

8 **1. Bargaining agent.** "Bargaining agent" has the same meaning as in section 962,  
9 subsection 2.

10 **§877. Use of fees for political purposes**

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

14 **SUMMARY**

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