



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

June 2, 2011 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, HANSEN, WIRCH, MILLER and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives SHILLING, PASCH, SINICKI, MASON, ROYS, TURNER, MILROY, STASKUNAS, DOYLE, HEBL, POPE-ROBERTS, ZEPNICK, POCAN, KESSLER, TOLES, YOUNG, FIELDS, BERCEAU and HULSEY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

1 **To create** section 14 of article XIII of the constitution; **relating to:** collective
2 bargaining by employees (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2011 legislature on first consideration, grants a right to employees to collectively bargain on the subjects of wages, hours, and working conditions.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 14 of article XIII of the constitution is created to read:

5 [Article XIII] Section 14. Employees shall have the right to collectively bargain
6 on the subjects of wages, hours, and working conditions.

7 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions.** If another constitutional
8 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
9 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the

1 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict and adjust
2 any cross-references thereto.

3 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
4 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three
5 months previous to the time of holding such election.

6 (END)