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H.B. No. 1645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to collective bargaining by employees of local governments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 617.002(a) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) An official of the state ~~[or of a political subdivision of the state]~~ may not enter into a collective bargaining contract with a labor organization regarding wages, hours, or conditions of employment of public employees.

(c) An official of the state ~~[or of a political subdivision of the state]~~ may not recognize a labor organization as the bargaining agent for a group of public employees.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 617.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 617.002. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY STATE ~~[PUBLIC]~~ EMPLOYEES PROHIBITED.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.