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H.B. No. 3160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 relating to collective bargaining by employees of local  
2 governments.  
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 617.002, Government Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 617.002. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY STATE [~~PUBLIC~~]  
8 EMPLOYEES PROHIBITED. (a) An official of the state [~~or of a~~  
9 ~~political subdivision of the state~~] may not enter into a collective  
10 bargaining contract with a labor organization regarding wages,  
11 hours, or conditions of employment of public employees.

12 (b) A contract entered into in violation of Subsection (a)  
13 is void.

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

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.