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Bill Summary

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Overview

A 1999 act authorized certain judicial branch employees to organize under the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (PELRA). Court reporters were excluded from this group. The bill includes court reporters among the judicial employees who are able to organize under PELRA.

Section

- 1 **Public employee.** Amends the definitions section of the Public Employee Labor Relations Act (PELRA) to strike the provision that excludes court reporters from the coverage of that act.
- 2 **Court employee units.** Creates a court reporters unit for court reporters not otherwise excluded that are employed by the judicial districts.
States that notwithstanding PELRA, judges continue to appoint court reporters, who serve at the judges' pleasure.
- 3 **Exclusions.** Strikes court reporters from the list of employees who are excluded from court employee bargaining units.