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## **PAYCHECK PROTECTION IN THE STATES**

### **IDAHO**

*Idaho* . Passed in 1997, this law also, also known as the “Voluntary Contributions Act,” likewise applies only to public employee unions. It requires that labor organizations make contributions for political activities, broadly defined, only from a separate segregated fund, and must ensure that union dues are not “used for political activities, transferred to the fund, or intermingled in any way with fund moneys.” Contributions must be voluntary after notice to the employee of the fund’s political purposes and the right of the employee not to contribute. Unfortunately, operation of the law was enjoined by a court in 2003, pending resolution of a lawsuit. Even while the law was in operation, however, public sector union political contributions reached \$175,034 in 2002, up from the pre-passage level of \$79,949 (1996).