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PAYCHECK PROTECTION IN THE STATES

MICHIGAN

Michigan. Also covering public and private sector unions, Michigan's 1994 law permits payroll deductions "on an automatic basis, including but not limited to a payroll deduction plan, only if the individual who is contributing to the fund affirmatively consents to the contribution at least once in every calendar year." The Michigan law, however, reaches only "hard money" contributions used for direct electoral purposes through political action, party, and candidate committees. The Secretary-Treasurer of one large Michigan union, American Federation State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 25, with 72,000 members has stated that about one fourth of his membership has signed consent forms for PAC contributions.