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## **PAYCHECK PROTECTION IN THE STATES**

### **UTAH**

*Utah* . The “Voluntary Contributions Act,” passed in 2001 covers only public employees but has been extremely effective. The Act forbids public employee unions from “expend[ing] union dues for political purposes or transfer[ring] union dues to a political fund.” Instead, the union must establish a political fund as a separate, segregated account from monies received as union dues and must ensure that contributions to the fund are voluntary. In addition, the law flatly prohibits public employers from making payroll deductions from employee wages for political purposes.

Since enactment of the statute, the percentage of union teachers contributing money for political purposes has decreased from 68% to 6.8%, and the Utah Education Association’s PAC contributions have been reduced to \$40,000 from \$143,000.