

Ballot Initiative Proposed By Michigan Unions Takes Aim At Right-to-Work, Other Controversial Labor Legislation

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Right-to-work [continues to make headlines](#) in Michigan despite statements from the state's Republican Governor Rick Snyder that he opposes efforts to pass right-to-work legislation in Michigan. Not content with these assurances, union officials in the state [have been advocating](#) a ballot proposal that would make right-to-work unconstitutional in Michigan. For his part, Snyder [has indicated](#) that he also opposes the unions' ballot initiative, stating that both positions are too divisive and are distracting from other issues.

The proposed "[Protect Our Jobs](#)" ballot initiative also attempts to reverse some controversial public labor legislation passed by Michigan's Republican-controlled legislature in the last year, including a [requirement](#) that public union employees pay at least 20% of their health care costs, a [ban on graduate student organizing](#), and a [bar against payroll deductions](#) for public school employee union dues – all bills that were signed by Snyder.

The union groups have until July to get enough signatures to put their proposed initiative on the November ballot.

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