



2017 SEBAC Negotiations

The Starting Point

The State has a significant budget crisis. The unions face attacks on collective bargaining for:

- Wages/Longevity
- Healthcare
- Pension
- Retirement Benefits

The Starting Point

Items SEBAC leaders said were non-negotiable

- Extension of SEBAC 2022 to 2027 – to preserve collective bargaining
- Job security (no programmatic layoffs)
- Privatization Protection
- No significant changes to retirement during the life of the current agreement



All 33 affected Locals will have two votes

Local Contract vote – determines wages, longevity, pools of money, and language changes

SEBAC vote – determines negotiated changes to pension and healthcare

Contract Vote

Wages/Longevity

Wages 0 - 0 - 0* - 3.5 - 3.5

- Job protection through 7/1/2021
- Year 1 began July 2016
 - *The fight for first year “0” changed when budget deficit increased by \$1.5B*
 - ** Year 3 has a \$2000 July bonus, or \$1000 + top step bonus for those eligible*
- Years 4 and 5 include increments & top step bonuses
- Frozen years not affected by promotions (scale changes)



Contract Vote

Wages/Longevity

Longevity – One time delay

- 2017 Longevity payments will be on time
- 2018 Spring Longevity payment delayed until July

Tuition Reimbursement & PD funds filled retroactively

Three Furlough Days 7/1/2017-6/30/2018



Contract Vote Wages/Longevity

What does a 'Yes' vote mean?

Contract 'Yes' votes = wage structure discussed, delayed longevity in 2018, 3 furlough days, and 4 years of job security

What does a 'No' vote mean?

Contract 'No' votes = possible arbitration for wages and pools of money, and NO job security



Pension, Healthcare, and Retirement – SEBAC Items [Second Vote]

SEBAC [Second Vote]

Pension – SERS, ARP, Hybrid

- SERS All Tiers – contribution increase by 1.5% starting July 1, 2017.
Delayed payment optional:
 - Members may cover this cost by “borrowing” the 1.5% from current 3% Retiree Health Contributions.
 - Return payment is an additional 0.5% for 4 years starting 7/1/2019
- SERS All Tiers – additional contribution increase by 0.5% starting July 1, 2019.
- No changes to stipend or overtime rules. No increase to TRB

SEBAC [Second Vote]

Pension – Cola

- Cola – effective 7/1/2022 new retirees will receive 1st cola payment 30 months from retirement date (unless CPI -- consumer price index -- is over 5.5%)
- Cola calculation formula - effective 7/1/2022, formula is CPI, even under 2%; over 2% current rules apply
- Disability Retirees – must apply for Social Security Disability

SEBAC [Second Vote]

Healthcare

- 3% Contribution to Retiree HealthCare for all current State employees, unchanged. Those already contributing are done in 10 years
- Increase in Premium Share (cost of plan, not % of salary)
 - Additional 1%, but not over 15% total 7/1/2019
 - Additional 1%, but not over 15% total 7/1/2020
 - Additional 1%, but not over 16% total 7/1/2021



SEBAC [Second Vote]

Healthcare – Continued

- Increased co-pay for unnecessary emergency room visits to \$250
- Non-HEP drugs go to \$5/\$10/\$25/\$40
- No increase co-pay primary care physicians

SEBAC [Second Vote]

Retirement

- 60 day window to maintain current benefit
- Change to retiree medical contribution (1.5% to 3%) for new retirees in effect October 2, 2017
 - No change for those with more than 25 years of state service. No cost after age 65
- Retiree medical contribution 5% for those retiring after 7/1/2022; hazardous duty 3%. No contribution after age 65
- Additional charge imposed on high end earners (those who claim more than \$85,000/year on W2); appendix chart

SEBAC [Second Vote]

Retirement – Tier IV – Hybrid Plan

- SERS contribution additional 3% immediately (5% total); hazardous duty (8% total) - DB
- No breakpoint – 1.3% multiplier
- Define contribution - State contribution 1%, employee contribution 1%, 5% voluntary
- Split the Risk to max of 2%
- OT effect on base-pay pension may not be greater than 60%

SEBAC [Second Vote]

Tier IV – Continued

- 3% Retiree HealthCare contribution 15 year
- 3% increase to HealthCare premium immediately, capped at 16%



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Extension of SEBAC 2022 to 2027

** Huge advantage for State employees

Ensures State workers have collective bargaining rights for pension and healthcare

Contract Negotiations

Will be settled as part of any tentative agreement.

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What do 'No' votes mean?

- Contract 'No' votes = possible arbitration for wages and NO job security.
- Likelihood legislature would vote down any contract or arbitrated award with raises
- SEBAC 'No' votes = Deal collapses, real possibility of losing collective bargaining after 2022. Still no contracts