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JEFFERSON CITY - Legislation sponsored by Senate President Pro Tem Rob Mayer of Dexter that would make Missouri a "right-to-work" state is slated to be on the agenda this week in the state Senate.

A senate committee last week endorsed two bills that would make it a misdemeanor to require workers to pay union fees as a condition of employment.

Mayer's legislation, if approved by the Legislature, would take the issue to Missouri voters for ultimate approval. The second piece of legislation would be sent to the Governor's desk for signature if it passes.

Business groups say such laws could help the state attract more jobs, while unions say the measures would allow people to get benefits without paying for their representation in bargaining talks.

Mayer's legislation comes just as Indiana appears close to becoming a "right-to-work" state. A Republican bill in Indiana recently passed the House and is headed to the Senate. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels has said he will sign a "right-to-work" bill if it lands on his desk.

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