

**621—7.7(20) Impasse procedures for state employees.**

**7.7(1) Procedures.** Statutory procedures in Iowa Code sections 20.20 to 20.22, and independent impasse procedures negotiated by the parties must provide that the impasse be submitted to binding arbitration and the arbitration hearing concluded no later than February 28, and that any arbitrator's award will be issued on or before March 15. This rule does not preclude the parties from mutually agreeing to a date other than February 28, but the agreement must result in an arbitration award on or before March 15.

**7.7(2) Procedures for state agreements effective in a year following an Iowa Code section 39.9 gubernatorial election.**

*a.* A ratification election referred to in Iowa Code section 20.17(4) shall not be held and the parties shall not request arbitration pursuant to Iowa Code section 20.22(1) until at least two weeks after the beginning date of the governor's term of office.

*b.* Within five days from the beginning date of the governor's term of office, the governor shall accept or reject a proposed statewide collective bargaining agreement if one exists. If the proposed agreement is rejected, the parties shall commence bargaining anew in accordance with Iowa Code section 20.17 and exchange initial proposals within the same five-day period.

*c.* Negotiations shall be complete not later than March 15 of that year unless the parties mutually agree to a different deadline.

*d.* The parties shall mutually agree to alternative deadlines for the completion of bargaining procedures set forth in Iowa Code sections 20.19, 20.20, and 20.22 to ensure the completion of negotiations not later than March 15 or other mutually agreeable deadline.

**7.7(3) Independent procedures.** Independent impasse procedures negotiated by the parties must provide that the impasse will be submitted to binding arbitration, and any hearing thereon concluded no later than February 28, and that any arbitrator's award will be issued on or before March 15.

**7.7(4) Statutory procedures.** In the absence of independent procedures, the procedures in Iowa Code sections 20.20 and 20.22 and rules 621—7.1(20) to 621—7.5(20) shall apply, except that a single-party request for mediation must be filed no later than December 14, a request for binding arbitration must be filed by February 1, and an arbitration hearing must be concluded no later than February 28.

**7.7(5) New certifications.** Statutory impasse procedures under these rules shall not be available if the employee organization has been certified later than December 1. This rule does not preclude the parties from negotiating independent impasse procedures if an employee organization is certified after December 1 and the procedures will result in an arbitration award on or before March 15.

**7.7(6) Negotiability disputes.** Disputes concerning the negotiability of any subject of bargaining shall be submitted to the board for determination pursuant to 621—6.3(20) no later than March 1. An arbitration award rendered prior to final determination of the negotiability dispute will be made conditional upon such determination. Notwithstanding the provisions of 621—2.19(20), no stay of impasse procedures will be granted during the pendency of any negotiability dispute, petition for declaratory order, or prohibited practice complaint.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 20.17.

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