

CHAPTER 209.

[S. B. 328.]

ARBITRATION OF CONTROVERSIES.

AN ACT relating to arbitration of controversies; providing a procedure for the same; authorizing settlement of controversies between employers and employees in the manner provided in collective bargaining agreements; and amending section 1, chapter 138, Laws of 1943 (sec. 430-1, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 8-31, PPC).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 138, Laws of 1943 (sec. 430-1, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 8-31, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Agreement in writing.

Section 1. Two or more parties may agree in writing to submit to arbitration, in conformity with the provisions of this act, any controversy which may be the subject of an action existing between them at the time of the agreement to submit, or they may include in a written agreement a provision to settle by arbitration any controversy thereafter arising between them out of or in relation to such agreement. Such agreement shall be valid, enforceable and irrevocable save upon such grounds as exist in law or equity for the revocation of any agreement.

Exceptions.

The provisions of this act shall not apply to any arbitration agreement between employers and employees or between employers and associations of employees, and as to any such agreement the parties thereto may provide for any method and procedure for the settlement of existing or future disputes and controversies, and such procedure shall be valid, enforceable and irrevocable save upon such grounds as exist in law or equity for the revocation of any agreement.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1947.

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Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.