

Another Challenge To Michigan's Right To Work Law Bites The Dust

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As we reported [over a year ago](#), among the several lawsuits filed challenging Michigan's Right to Work law was a suit claiming the procedure used when passing the law in December 2012 violated Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The union groups who filed the lawsuit, supported by the ACLU, premised their claim on the fact that due to action by law enforcement closing the Capitol Building for safety reasons, members of the public were prevented from being present during the vote for the controversial laws. However, this argument failed to sway the Michigan Court of Claims, which hears cases involving the state as a party. On Friday, Michigan Court of Claims Judge Deborah Servitto granted summary judgment for the state, dismissing the lawsuit. She found that even if all citizens could not physically enter the Capitol Building, it was still an open meeting under the law. This is the latest setback in a string of challenges filed by unions challenging Michigan's Right to Work legislation. As we reported a few weeks ago, a [challenge by the UAW](#) regarding the law's application to state employees is pending in front of the Michigan Supreme Court. It remains to be seen if any of these lawsuits will have an impact on the continuing application of Right to Work in Michigan.

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