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State Board Establishes Five Units For State Employees; Orders Elections

The State PERB on November 27 established five negotiating units for State employees exclusive of the State Police and the professional staff of the State University and has ordered elections in each of the units as soon as possible.

In addition, the State Board ordered a halt to all negotiations and required the State Negotiating Committee "to remain neutral in its treatment of competing employee organizations until the Board certified employee organizations in the units deemed appropriate."

Supreme Court Justice Russell Hunt, following a request for review of the Board's decision by the Civil Service Employees' Association, issued a temporary stay enjoining the State Board from taking any action to enforce or compel compliance with its decision and order. December 13 was set for arguments in the matter.

Modifies Interim Decision

In making its determination, the State Board affirmed, with modifications, an earlier, intermediate decision by PERB's Director of Representation. It also rejected the "general unit" previously designated for State employees, as well as the other units sought by 16 competing employee organizations.

The PERB decision established the following units:

- (1) Operational Services
- (2) Security Services
- (3) Institutional Services
- (4) Administrative Services