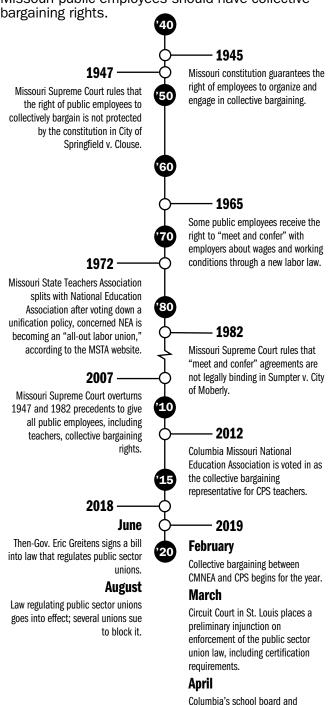
## Teachers' dispute reflects long fight over public unions

The disagreement that has stalled ratification of a contract for Columbia school teachers is the latest chapter in a lengthy debate over whether Missouri public employees should have collective bargaining rights.



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## September

increase.

in bad faith. June

Public comment meeting on tentative collective bargaining agreement between CMNEA and the district is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 11.

CMNEA reach an impasse over whether the union must be certified under the new law, fail to ratify a

Columbia school board approves

what was negotiated with CMNEA, including an average 5% salary

CMNEA sues district for bargaining

CMNEA wins an injunction from a Boone County judge ordering the district to work with the union.

employee contracts that conform to

binding agreement.