Opinion No. 74-64

Mr. Wayne A. Schwartz, President
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

You request our opinion relative to whether a work "slow-down" could constitute a strike within the meaning of K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 75-4322(r). The section provides:

"'Strike' means an action taken for the purpose of coercing a change in the conditions, rights, privileges or obligations of employment through the failure by concerted action with others to report for duty or to work at usual capability in the performance of the normal duties of employment."

Certainly within the context of the foregoing a work "slow-down" could constitute a strike. The Public Employees Relations Board is charged with the responsibility of determining from the facts presented to it whether such a condition exists.

In regard to your second question, this office is aware of no state statute requiring firemen or police officers to reside within the city's corporate limits.

Yours very truly,

VERN MILLER
Attorney General

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