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The first collective bargaining agency for Alaska public employees was the Alaska State Employees Association, ASEA, founded in 1959. Although the group was able to recruit large numbers of state employees, they soon found themselves handicapped by the fact that the state of Alaska was not obligated to engage in collective bargaining. In 1969 the group held its first statewide general assembly with the goal of improving the quality of education for students and working conditions for its members.

Finally, in 1972, the State Legislature enacted the Public Employees Relations Act (or P.E.R.A.) which recognized the right of public employees to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining, defined unfair labor practices, and set strike policies. It also established the Labor Relations Agency which facilitates the collective bargaining activities for the state of Alaska. It was also in 1972 that ASEA changed its name to the Alaska Public Employees Association, APEA. In 1988 the agency joined the American Federation of Teachers gaining nationwide union support.

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