§ 212. Local government procedures. 1. This article, except sections two hundred one, two hundred two, two hundred three, two hundred four, paragraph b of subdivision four and paragraph d of subdivision five of section two hundred five, paragraph b of subdivision three of section two hundred seven, section two hundred eight, section two hundred nine-a, subdivisions one and two of section two hundred ten, section two hundred eleven, two hundred thirteen and two hundred fourteen, shall be inapplicable to any government (other than the state or a state public authority) which, acting through its legislative body, has adopted by local law, ordinance or resolution, its own provisions and procedures which have been submitted to the board by such government and as to which there is in effect a determination by the board that such provisions and procedures and the continuing implementation thereof are substantially equivalent to the provisions and procedures set forth in this article with respect to the state.

2. With respect to the city of New York, such provisions and procedures need not be related to the end of its fiscal year; and with respect to provisions and procedures adopted by local law by the city of New York no such submission to or determination by the board shall be required, but such provisions and procedures shall be of full force and effect unless and until such provisions and procedures, or the continuing implementation thereof, are found by a court of competent jurisdiction, in an action brought by the board in the county of New York for a declaratory judgment, not to be substantially equivalent to the provisions and procedures set forth in this article.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the resolution of disputes in the course of collective negotiations as provided by section two hundred nine of this article shall apply to any organized fire department, police force, or police department of any government and detective-investigators, or rackets investigators employed in the office of a district attorney of a county subject to either subdivision one or two of this section. Provided, however, that a recognized or certified employee organization may elect to continue dispute resolution procedures which existed on the day prior to the effective date of this subdivision by notifying the appropriate public

employment relations board in writing.