Willowbrook union keeps its seat

Workers at Willowbrook State School contributed to a two-to-one margin for the Civil Service Employes Association in first returns last night from a union representation election among state employes of mental institutions and prisons.

Presently representing the employes, the association has been challenged by the Service Employes International Union, AFL-CIO.

On-site voting was held yesterday at Willowbrook and several other state facilities. The association reported last night that the union polled 7,825 votes in on-site polling against 3,724 for the other union.

In addition, 1,415 votes were challenged among the turnout of some 60 per cent of the eligible voters.

Another 57,000 employes received ballots which must be returned by mail to the state Public Employe Relations Board to be tabulated today. Complete returns are expected tonight.