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The Constitutional Court has blocked government legislation that would have made it easier to dismiss civil servants. The law is part of a range of austerity measures that the government has planned to introduce as part of the bail out arrangements required by the European Commission, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund. Opposition parties also plan to challenge recent legislation that imposes a 40-hour week across the public sector - five hours longer than the current norm. [Read more at > euractiv->[http://www.euractiv.com/euro-finance/portugal-top-court-rejects-labou-news-](http://www.euractiv.com/euro-finance/portugal-top-court-rejects-labou-news-530043?utm_source=EurActiv%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=988d5330c3-newsletter_daily_update&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bab5f0ea4e-988d5330c3-245421837)

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