

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MICHIGAN COURT RULES  
CONCERNING THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN RULE 6, SECTION 6**

**Issue**

Should the Representative Assembly support an amendment to the Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan Rule 6, Section 6, to allow a representative to finish their current term, even if they move out of the judicial circuit in which they were elected?

Section 6. Vacancy.

If an elected representative ceases to be a member of the State Bar of Michigan, dies during his or her term of office, ~~moves his or her principal office out of the judicial circuit he or she represents~~, or submits a written resignation acceptable to the chairperson, the chairperson shall declare that a vacancy exists. If an elected representative does not attend two consecutive meetings of the assembly without being excused by the chairperson because of a personal or professional emergency, or does not attend three consecutive meetings of the assembly for any reason or reasons, the chairperson shall declare that a vacancy exists.

**Proponent**

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**Background**

The proposed amendment to the Representative Assembly Permanent Rules of Procedure arises out of continued discussions of reforms to the RA at the request of RA Chair Gerrow D. Mason. Members of this committee include Yolanda M. Bennett, Patrick D. Crandell, Nicole A. Evans, Michael P. Hanrahan, Mark W. Jane, Nicholas M. Ohanesian, Dennis L. Perkins, and John W. Reiser.

**Opposition**

None known.

**Prior Action by Representative Assembly**

None known.

**Fiscal and Staffing Impact on State Bar of Michigan**

None known.

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN POSITION**

**By vote of the Representative Assembly on September 21, 2023**

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- (a) Yes
- or
- (b) No