

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MICHIGAN COURT RULES
CONCERNING THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN RULE 6, SECTION 5, AND
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY BYLAW RULE 7, SECTION 2.2.**

Issue

Should the Representative Assembly support amendments to the Michigan Court Rules and Representative Assembly Bylaws abolishing term limits for members of the Representative Assembly?

**Michigan Supreme Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan,
Rule 6, Section 5. Terms.**

An elected representative shall serve a three-year term beginning with the adjournment of the annual meeting following the representative's election and until his or her successor is elected. ~~A representative may not continue to serve after completing two successive three year terms unless service is extended under the provisions of Rule 7, Section 2.2.~~

Representative Assembly Bylaws, Rule 7, Section 2.2.

~~If a representative is elected clerk of the assembly with only one or two years of his or her term remaining, the term of the representative is extended for an additional year or years to permit him or her to serve consecutive terms as vice chairperson, and chairperson. If the term of an elected representative is so extended, the authorized membership of the assembly is increased by one for the appropriate period; a vacancy in the judicial circuit the chairperson-elect or chairperson represents exists when his or her term would normally expire and an election conducted to choose a successor having the vote to which the representative for that judicial circuit is entitled is to be held in the usual manner.~~

[Removed by vote of the Assembly on September 21, 2023.]

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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,

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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