

**Public Policy Position
HB 4053**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,602 members. The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Family Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On April 7, 2024, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 18 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 1 member voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 2 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

Although believed to be introduced to address the surprising number of birth certificates that don't get issued because a mother is estranged from her spouse, the FLS believed that HB 4053 will cause other problems, particularly with respect to child support and the presumption of paternity among married couples. Also, if 4053 passed, an unwed mother may decide not name a father so the father need not be notified if the mother's intention is to put the child up for adoption, which is not a good outcome and may lead to more litigation and uncertainty.

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