

## 2015/2016 At the Capitol

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The vote by which the position on a bill was adopted will be listed, if not unanimous. Any member who would like more information concerning the rationale for positions taken can refer to the website at [www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/home](http://www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/home) or contact Peter Cunningham at the State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933-2012, (800) 968-1442. For the most current status information, visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org).

**HB 5288** (Wittenberg) Occupations: attorneys; Military affairs: other; State agencies (existing): boards and commissions. Occupations; attorneys; individuals licensed to practice law as a military spouse; require certain notifications to board of law examiners. Amends 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.101–600.9947) by adding sec. 947a.

**HB 5289** (Maturen) Occupations: attorneys; Military affairs: other; State agencies (existing): boards and commissions. Occupations; attorneys; license to practice law for military spouse; provide for under certain conditions. Amends 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.101–600.9947) by adding sec. 947.

POSITION: Support

**SB 0632** (Schuitmaker) Courts, jurisdiction; Courts, court of appeals; Courts, probate court. Courts; jurisdiction; jurisdiction on appeals from orders and judgments of the probate court; provide to the court of appeals. Amends secs. 308, 846, 866 & 867 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.308 *et seq.*) & repeals secs. 861 & 863 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.861 & 600.863).

**SB 0633** (Schuitmaker) Courts, jurisdiction; Courts, probate court; Courts, court of appeals. Courts; jurisdiction; appellate review of certain court orders by probate court; preclude. Amends sec. 1303 of 1998 PA 386 (MCL 700.1303).

**HB 5502** (Kesto) Courts: jurisdiction; Courts: court of appeals; Courts: probate court. Courts; jurisdiction; jurisdiction on appeals from orders and judgments of the probate court; provide to the court of appeals. Amends secs. 308, 846, 866 & 867 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.308 *et seq.*) & repeals secs. 861 & 863 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.861 & 600.863).

**HB 5503** (Kesto) Courts: jurisdiction; Courts: probate court; Courts: court of appeals. Courts; jurisdiction; appellate review of certain court orders by probate court; preclude. Amends sec. 1303 of 1998 PA 386 (MCL 700.1303).

POSITION: Support

**SB 0742** (Casperson) Occupations: attorneys; Occupations: individual licensing and regulation. Occupations; attorneys; eligibility requirements for attorney licensed in another state to practice law in Michigan; modify. Amends secs. 931, 937, 940 & 946 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.931 *et seq.*) & adds 945.

POSITION: Support

(Position adopted by roll call vote. Commissioners voting in favor of the position: Anderson, Barnes, Brown, Buchanan, Buiteweg, Burns, Dunning, Gardella, Haroutunian, Heath, Herrmann, Irons, McCarthy, McGill, Moss, Nolan, Olsman, Pero, Radke, Riordan, Rockwell, Shekell, Ulrich, Warnez, and Washington. Commissioners voting against the position: Grieco, Jane, and Quick.)

## In the Hall of Justice

**Proposed Amendments of Rules 3.925, 8.119, and 8.302 and Proposed New Rule 5.133 of the Michigan Court Rules (ADM File No. 2016-06)**—Open Proceedings; Judgments and Orders; Records Confidentiality; Destruction of Court Files; Setting Aside Adjudications; Court Records and Reports; Duties of Clerks; Documents and Files; Opening Wills Originally Filed for Safekeeping (See *Michigan Bar Journal* March 2016, p 72.)

STATUS: Comment Period Expired 5/1/16;

Public Hearing 5/18/16

POSITION: Support, but object to any mandatory disposal of records

**Model Criminal Jury Instructions 11.3 and 11.6**—Definition of a Pistol; Firearm Inoperable (See *Michigan Bar Journal* February 2016, p 60.)

STATUS: Comment Period Expired 4/1/16

POSITION: Support with amendment changing “object” to “dangerous projectile” in section (3)

**Model Criminal Jury Instruction 19.1**—Kidnapping (See *Michigan Bar Journal* February 2016, p 61.)

STATUS: Comment Period Expired 4/1/16

POSITION: Support