

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0191

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The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Criminal Law Section is 2,640.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 25. The number who voted in favor to this position was 17. The number who voted opposed to this position was 3.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Criminal Law Section

Contact person:

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Bill Number:

[SB 0191](#) (Hansen) Criminal procedure; other; recovery of certain costs for criminal contempt prosecution or retail fraud; provide for. Amends sec. 1f, ch. IX of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [769.1f](#)).

Date position was adopted:

May 19, 2015

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

25

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

17 Voted for position

3 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

Oppose recovery of costs for contempt and retail fraud prosecutions because of the burden it places on the poor.

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0191>