Public Policy Position SB 0076

The Criminal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,091 members. The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Criminal Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. The State Bar's position in this matter is to oppose because it creates an additional exemption to jury service; courts already have the ability to excuse these individuals from jury service.

The Criminal Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 24 members. On January 16, 2018, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position on SB 0076, 5 members voted against this position, 2 members abstained, 7 members did not vote.

OPPOSE

Explanation

The majority opposed because they did not believe additional exemptions from jury service should be created legislatively. The majority felt this was an issue that could be handled adequately by the court.

Keller Explanation

The improvement of the functioning of the courts.

The bill relates to exempting a category of persons from jury service.

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