

ELDER LAW & DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION
Public Policy Position
SB 713

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The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section has a public policy decision-making body with 19 members. On February 3, 2018, the Section adopted its position after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position on SB 713, 2 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 6 members did not vote.

The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section Supports the Concept of SB 713, but Opposes the Bill as Currently Drafted.

Explanation:

The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section supports SB713 in its overall concept that isolation of vulnerable adults is a serious issue that requires legislative attention. However, the Section opposes the current written form of SB713 because more revisions are necessary to ensure that citizens will not be harmed by it, that provisions and procedures do not adversely compromise existing law (EPIC), and that more input from various stakeholders (courts, probate practitioners, adult protective services, etc.) is needed.

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