

**Public Policy Position  
HB 4128**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,444 members. The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Family Law 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 March 2, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4128, 5 members voted against this position, 3 members abstained, 2 members did not vote.

**Support**

**Explanation:**

The Section believes that, while a parent may already change a minor child's name without consent of the other parent following a hearing and by court order, this bill to simplify that process in extreme cases where other parent has been convicted of first or second degree murder seems appropriate.

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