

Public Policy Position
HB 4472

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,458 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 22 members. On May 4, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 8 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4472, 6 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 8 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

The Family Law Section supported the same or similar bill prior to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Obergefell. The Section does not see a reason for two unmarried persons to be permitted to adopt post-Obergefell, and sees too many potential issues with two unmarried individuals adopting a child together. The Section believed that marriage promotes stability and commitment necessary prior to two people adopting a child.

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