

**Public Policy Position  
HB 5407**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,595 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 7, 2024, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 17 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 4 members did not vote.

**Oppose**

**Explanation:**

Amends probate code to allow for baby drop boxes at fire stations to anonymously surrender newborns. There is concern that some/many fire stations don't have full-time staff, and are volunteer station ill-equipped to monitor such drop boxes, even though not mandatory under the bill. There was also concern that children who have been abused, injured, or neglected will be placed in boxes by parents anonymously abandon child and avoid criminal investigation or prosecution.

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