

Public Policy Position
SB 1188

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,501 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 November 7, 2020, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 19 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 1 member voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Support with Recommended Amendments

Explanation:

The Family Law Section supports this legislation, but believes that the termination date of December 31, 2020 as set forth in the bill is problematic. The current public health crisis is almost certain to extend beyond that date, making recordation of electronic documents such as deeds extremely difficult after the termination date while attorneys and the public await new legislation extending the date after the legislature reconvenes. Therefore, the Family Law Section recommends amending the bill by deleting the termination date of December 31, 2020, which is Section 4, lines 4-5, on page 4 of the bill, and instead, the sentence should merely read "This Section applies after April 29, 2020."

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