

**Public Policy Position  
HB 5193**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,563 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 October 9, 2021, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 15 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 6 members did not vote.

**Support**

**Explanation:**

This bill makes language gender neutral in MCL 552.2 et. seq. regarding solemnization of marriage and deletes language requiring marrying individuals to be of the opposite sex, making the statute consistent with the US Supreme Court ruling in the Obergefell decision.

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