

PROBATE & ESTATE PLANNING SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0558, SB 0559, and SB 0560

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The position expressed is that of the Probate & Estate Planning Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Probate & Estate Planning Section is 3,473.

The position was adopted after electronic discussion and vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 23. The number who voted in favor to this position was 20. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Probate & Estate Planning Section

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Bill Numbers:

[SB 0558](#) (Jones) Probate; other; dower rights; repeal. Amends 1846 RS 66 (MCL [558.1](#) - [558.29](#)), by adding sec. 30 & repeals secs. 2931 & 2933 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.2931](#) & [600.2933](#)).

[SB 0559](#) (Jones) Family law; marriage and divorce; requirement that judgment of divorce contain provisions regarding wife's dower rights; eliminate. Amends sec. 1 of [1909 PA 259](#) (MCL [552.101](#)).

[SB 0560](#) (Jones) Probate; wills and estates; reference to dower in estates and protected individuals code; revise to reflect abolition of dower. Amends secs. 1303, 2202, 2205 & 3807 of [1998 PA 386](#) (MCL [700.1303](#) et seq.).

Date position was adopted:

October 12-15, 2015

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after electronic discussion and vote.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

23

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

20 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

3 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

Support the passage of SB 558, 559, and 560.

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0558>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0559>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0560>