

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

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SB 0144 & SB 0177

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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 4,128.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 23. The number who voted in favor to this position was 19. 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 Number:

[SB 0144](#) (Anderson) Mental health; guardians; guardianship petitions for developmentally disabled minors; allow the court to schedule certain hearings before the minor turns 18 years of age. Amends secs. 609, 614 & 618 of [1974 PA 258](#) (MCL [330.1609](#) et seq.).

[SB 0177](#) (Hildenbrand) Probate; guardians and conservators; guardianship petitions; allow probate judges to schedule certain hearings prior to minor turning 18 years of age. Amends secs. 5303 & 5306 of [1998 PA 386](#) (MCL [700.5303](#) & [700.5306](#)).

Date position was adopted:

March 16, 2013

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

23

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Probate & Estate Planning Section supports the passage of SB 144 and SB 177 which propose changes to MCL 330.1609, MCL 330.1614, MCL 330.1618, MCL 700.5303, and MCL 700.5306.

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?2013-SB-0144>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2013-SB-0177>