

CIVIL PROCEDURE & COURTS COMMITTEE
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4091

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The Civil Procedure & Courts Committee is comprised of members appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan.

The position expressed is that of the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee. The State Bar of Michigan has authorized the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee to advocate its position.

The State Bar of Michigan's position on this matter is to support.

The total membership of the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee is 18.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 18. The number who voted in favor to this position was 13.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of committee:

Civil Procedure & Courts Committee

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Bill Number:

[HB 4091](#) (Kowall) Courts; funding; mileage reimbursement rate for juror; increase. Amends sec. 1344 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.1344](#)).

Date position was adopted:

March 2, 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:

18

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote

Position:

Support

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-HB-4091>

FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ONLY:

This position falls within the following Keller-permissible category:

- The regulation and discipline of attorneys
- ✓ The improvement of the functioning of the courts
- The availability of legal services to society
- The regulation of attorney trust accounts
- The regulation of the legal profession, including the education, the ethics, the competency, and the integrity of the profession.

Keller-permissible explanation:

This bill concerns jury compensation and reimbursement. If citizens were compensated at a better rate for jury service, it would most likely increase service on juries. This, in turn, would improve the court's functioning.