

Report on Public Policy Position

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Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 5464](#) (Calley) Family law; parental rights; rights of putative father; require document notarization before termination. Amends sec. 37, ch. X of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [710.37](#)).

Date position was adopted:

December 1, 2007

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:

21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HB 5464 would require that in a termination proceeding a purported father's disclaimer of paternity or waiver of interest in the termination proceedings be notarized. This would make it more difficult to present a forged or fraudulent waiver, and would give greater finality to termination decisions. The Family Law Section supports this bill.

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?2007-HB-5464>