

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of committee:

Civil Procedure and Courts Committee

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Bill Number:

[SB 0992](#) (Kahn) Courts; juries; exemption from jury service for individuals who have served within the preceding 24 months; provide for. Amends sec. 1307a of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.1307a](#)).

Date position was adopted:

February 16, 2008

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:

20

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The State Bar opposed a similar Bill during a previous legislative session on the ground that this was a subject that should be left to the Supreme Court to regulate under its authority over practice and procedure in the courts. The Committee supports that view. On the merits of the bill, the Committee is opposed to extending the exemption from jury service based on previous from 1 to 2 years, at least until a factual foundation is established that this would not cause problems with securing sufficient jurors in any courts, particularly in less populous areas.

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-SB-0992>

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:

Rules regarding juror qualifications directly affects courts' conduct of trials.