

BUSINESS LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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Substitute of HB 5128

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The position expressed is that of the Business Law 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 Business Law Section is 3,353.

The position was adopted under unanimous written consent in lieu of special meeting of council dated as of March 16, 2012. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 15. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Business Law Section

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Bill Number:

Substitute of [HB 5128](#) (Walsh) Courts; other; business court; create. Amends [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.101](#) - [600.9947](#)) by adding ch. 10B.

Date position was adopted:

March 16, 2012

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted under Unanimous Written Consent in Lieu of Special Meeting of Council dated as of March 16, 2012

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Section supports the proposed substitute legislation for HB 5128 establishing a statewide business court system in Michigan. It is our understanding that the proposed legislation will continue to be referred to as HB 5128 with the same introduction date. We anticipate that judiciary committee hearings will occur on March 29. It is also our understanding that Rep. Walsh, one of the bill's sponsors, will circulate the proposed bill to judiciary committee members in advance of the hearing. The version of the proposed bill supported by the Section will not be available publicly until it is approved by the judiciary committee.

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?2011-HB-5128>