

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

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HB 5551

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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 only and is not an official position of the State Bar of Michigan, nor does it necessarily reflect the views of all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

The State Bar position on this matter is to support HB 5551.

The total membership of the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee is 20.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 20. 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 committee:

Civil Procedure and Courts Committee

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Proposed Court Rule or Administrative Order Number:

[HB 5551](#)(Jenkins) Juror Mileage Reimbursement

Courts, funding; Courts, juries. Courts; funding; mileage reimbursement rate for juror; increase. Amends sec. 1344 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.1344).

Date position was adopted:

May 23, 2012

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote.

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:

The Committee supports the proposed bill because it increases the reimbursement amounts for compensation and mileage for jurors to an appropriate amount – one that is more in line with federal juror reimbursement guidelines.

Recommendation:

Support

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billintroduced/House/pdf/2012-HIB-5551.pdf>

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:

Since this is duplicating an already existing service it may fall under “(C) the availability of legal services to society. Further, it may limit access to the courts by creating new procedures and costs before parties may be divorce.