

ANIMAL LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4552 & SB 0288

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The position expressed is that of the Animal 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 Animal Law Section is 164.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 14. The number who voted in favor to this position was 12. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Animal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4552](#) (Bumstead) Natural resources; hunting; natural resources commission ability to designate species as game; provide for. Amends secs. 40103, 40110, 40113a & 43536a of [1994 PA 451](#) (MCL [324.40103](#) et seq.) & adds sec. 48703a.

[SB 0288](#) (Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; natural resources commission ability to designate species as game; provide for. Amends secs. 40103, 40110, 40113a & 43536a of [1994 PA 451](#) (MCL [324.40103](#) et seq.) & adds sec. 48703a.

Date position was adopted:

April 23, 2013

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

14

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

12 Voted for position

1 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

1 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Animal Law Section opposes HB 4552/SB 288 for the reason that it is bad public policy in that it is 1) an unwise delegation of legislative authority to allow the appointed members of the Natural Resources Commission to designate game species and 2) decreases or eliminates the ability of voters to have input into the designation decisions (as it will pre-empt possible voter ballot initiatives on these designation decisions).

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-4552>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2013-SB-0288>