

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HJR V

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The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal 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 Criminal Law Section is 2,186.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 25. The number who voted in favor to this position was 15. The number who voted opposed to this position was 3. The number who abstained was 3.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HJR V](#) (Singh) Family law; marriage and divorce; constitutional prohibition of same-sex marriage and civil unions; repeal. Repeals sec. 25, art. I of the state constitution.

Date position was adopted:

November 19, 2013

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:

25

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

15 Voted for position

3 Voted against position

3 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support and Amend

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Council's position reflects general support of equity within the justice system. The vote took into consideration of issues with domestic violence offenses and other matters that may not be equitably addressed within the justice system. Some Council members expressed concern with the appropriateness of the Council taking a position. Civil unions were mentioned as a possible alternative approach. Regardless, the Council vote was grounded in a need for the equitable treatment of all persons with the application of, and under the law and within the justice system.

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-HJR-V>