

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4090 – HB 4091

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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.

The State Bar does not have a position on HB 4090.
The State Bar's position on HB 4091 is to support.

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 26. The number who voted in favor to this position was 17. The number who voted opposed to this position was 2. The number who abstained from the vote was 3.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4090](#) (Kowall) Courts; funding; juror compensation; allow reimbursement if funding unit pays increased mileage. Amend sec. 151e of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.151e](#)).

[HB 4091](#) (Kowall) Courts; funding; mileage reimbursement rate for juror; increase. Amends sec. 1344 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.1344](#)).

Date position was adopted:

January 21, 2014

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:

26

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

17 Voted for position

2 Voted against position

3 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The vote reflects recognition that the increase in mileage cost reimbursement from .10 cents per mile to .22 cents for jurors called for in the legislation is based upon available monies in a special fund. The council concluded an increase is appropriate to support jury activities that are vital to court operations.

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-4090> ; <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2013-HB-4091>