

ELDER LAW & DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION  
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0743

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The Elder Law & Disability Rights 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 Elder Law & Disability Rights Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

The State Bar's position on this matter is to oppose the bill.

The total membership of the Elder Law & Disability Rights Section is 1,771.

The position was adopted after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 22. The number who voted in favor to this position was 19. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1. The number who abstained from voting was 1.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Elder Law & Disability Rights Section

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**Bill Number:**

[SB 0743](#) (Meekhof) Occupations; attorneys; voluntary membership in state bar; establish. Amends sec. 901 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.901](#)).

**Date position was adopted:**

February 1, 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:**

22

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

19 Voted for position

1 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

1 Did not vote

**Position:**

Oppose

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

A unified bar promotes professionalism, ethical standards, public protection, and continuing legal education. The proposed bill does not include any framework to replace the bar's functions.

**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?2014-SB-0743>