

Report on Public Policy Position

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Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HJR L](#) (Cushingberry) Legislature; legislators; term limits; repeal. Repeals sec. 54, art. IV of the state constitution.

Date position was adopted:

May 2, 2009

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:

21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

14 Voted for position

2 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

House Joint Resolution L proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate term limits for state representatives and senators. Term limits have proven to be bad policy. They have eliminated the voter's choice to retain qualified representatives. By limiting the experience of legislators, term limits have eroded the institutional memory of the house and senate, allowing bad legislation to be reintroduced every time the legislature turns over. The Family Law Section supports this resolution.

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?2009-HJR-L>