

Public Policy Position
HB 4799

The Real Property Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 3,749 members. The Real Property Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Real Property Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Real Property Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 18 members. On November 19, 2025, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 16 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Oppose with Recommended Amendments

Explanation:

HB 4799 would be detrimental to the fair and just administration of real property law because it is confusing and reaches beyond the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.1 et seq., Property tax statements contain many charges beyond just property taxes, including special assessment charges, water charges, and other municipal charges, such that the bill would improperly amend by reference other legislation and municipal ordinances were it adopted. The bill is also confusing in that it applies only to nondelinquent property taxes, assessments, and other amounts, but also states that it applies to penalties and interest, which generally apply only when taxes and other charges have become delinquent. The RPLS is not opposed to the concept of a postmark or other common carrier's mark serving as the date of receipt in certain circumstances, but details of HB 4799 need revision.

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