

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4612 and HB 4613

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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 position on this matter is to support the bills.

The total membership of the Criminal Law Section is 2,432.

The position was adopted after electronic discussion and vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 17. The number who voted in favor to this position was 13. The number who voted opposed to this position was 4.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Numbers:

[HB 4612](#) Criminal procedure; sentencing; certain permissible costs; extend sunset. Amends sec. 1k, ch. IX of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [769.1k](#)).

[HB 4613](#) Courts; other; trial court funding commission; create, and prescribe powers and duties. Creates new act.

Date position was adopted:

June 6, 2017

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote

Number of members in the decision-making body:

17

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 Voted for position

4 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

0 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Section supports the bills as necessary steps to further public discourse on the significant issues at stake, concerning funding of the justice system. The Section recommended that in HB 4613's proposed commission, consideration be given to include members of the defense bar and prosecution.

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?2017-HB-4612>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-HB-4613>