

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4209

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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 HB 4209.

The total membership of the Criminal Law Section is 2,399.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 17. The number who voted in favor to this position was 17. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4209](#) (Lucido) Courts; juries; juror compensation; increase. Amends sec. 1344 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.1344](#)).

Date position was adopted:

May 16, 2017

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:

17

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

16 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

0 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The section supports increasing juror compensation as reflected in HB4209.

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-4209>

FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ONLY:

This position falls within the following Keller-permissible category:

- The regulation and discipline of attorneys
- ✓ The improvement of the functioning of the courts
- The availability of legal services to society
- The regulation of attorney trust accounts
- The regulation of the legal profession, including the education, the ethics, the competency, and the integrity of the profession.

Keller-permissible explanation:

Juror compensation is important to the functioning of the court.