

FAMILY LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HJR L

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The Family 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 Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,945.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor of this position was 18. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position**Name of Section:**

Family Law Section

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[HJR L](#) (Moss) Family law; marriage and divorce; constitutional prohibition of same-sex marriage and civil unions; repeal. Repeals sec. 25, art. I of the state constitution.

Date position was adopted:

April 11, 2015

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:

18 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

3 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HJR L proposes that a constitutional amendment to repeal the ban on same sex marriages be placed on the ballot. The original amendment was achieved through misrepresentation and homophobic furor. Michigan's position in litigation has been that this amendment reflects the will of the people of Michigan. This resolution would allow the people of Michigan to speak to that issue. 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?2015-HJR-L>