

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0257](#) (Meekhof) Family law; marriage and divorce; application requirements for marriage license; modify proof of identification requirements. Amends sec. 2 of [1887 PA 128](#) (MCL [551.102](#)).

Date position was adopted:

July 4, 2011

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:

16 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

SB 257 requires all marriage license applicants to provide the County Clerk with extensive identification information for themselves and for their intended spouse. This is burdensome for the County Clerk and for the applicants, serves no useful purpose, and is a bureaucratic impediment to marriage. The Family Law Section opposes this bill.

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?2011-SB-0257>