

APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0743

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The Appellate Practice 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 Appellate Practice Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

The State Bar's position in this matter is to oppose the bill.

The total membership of the Appellate Practice Section is 667.

The position was adopted after an electronic discussion and vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 23. The number who voted in favor to this position was 21. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

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

Appellate Practice Section

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[SB 0743](#) (Meekhof) Occupations; attorneys; voluntary membership in state bar; establish. Amends sec. 901 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.901](#)).

Date position was adopted:

January 30, 2014

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

23

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

21 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The section believes that allowing state bar dues to be voluntary will be detrimental to Michigan attorneys, the state judicial system, and Michigan citizens.

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?2014-SB-0743>