

REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION  
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4626

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The position expressed is that of the Real Property 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 Real Property Law Section is 3,184.

The position was adopted after an 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 16. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained was 1.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Real Property Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 4626](#) (Yonker) Economic development; other; authority for property purchase by certain land bank authorities and certain procedures; clarify and modify. Amends sec. 23 of [2003 PA 258](#) (MCL 124.733).

**Date position was adopted:**

February 7, 2014

**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:**

16 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

0 Did not vote

**Position:**

Oppose

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

The Real Property Section Council opposes HB 4626 for the following reasons: the bill creates an undefined, burdensome, and unnecessary appeal process within the Department of Treasury; there is no evidence of a land bank acquiring tax foreclosed property in violation of the Land Bank Fast Track Act; the bill does not address the actual concern that lead to its introduction--local units of government acquiring tax foreclosed property for blight remediation; and the language of the amendment is inconsistent with the language of the current statute.

**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?2013-HB-4626>