

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of committee:**

Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 4931](#) (Lemmons) Courts; juries; lists of persons available for creating juror pools; expand. Amends sec. 1304 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.1304](#)) & adds secs. 1310a, 1310b, 1310c & 1310d.

**Date position was adopted:**

November 8, 2007

**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:**

20

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

8 Voted for position

3 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

9 Did not vote

**Position:**

Support in principle.

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

The committee supports the concept of putting more citizens into the jury pools. There were several queries as to whether some people on public assistance are actually citizens of the United States and the possibility of a mistrial, if a non-citizen was on a jury. Another issue of concern is that individuals may be on the lists multiple times: a person on public assistance may also be receiving unemployment.

**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?2007-HB-4931>



**RECOMMEND STATE BAR ACTION ON THIS ISSUE:**

List any arguments against the position:

**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:** Falls within the functioning of the courts and their ability to provide fair and impartial jurors from all segments of the community.