

Report on Public Policy Position

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[SB 0473](#) (Barcia) Courts; other; use of 2-way interactive video technology for certain court proceedings; require whenever possible. Amends sec. 37a, ch. VII of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [767.37a](#)).

Date position was adopted:

May 19, 2009

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:

22

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

7 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

Opposed adding instances where video linkup is permitted in court for incarcerated persons because it allowed video when a defendant should be present.

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?2009-SB-0473>