

ELDER LAW & DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0270

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The Elder Law & Disability Rights 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 Elder Law & Disability Rights 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 Elder Law & Disability Rights Section is 1,287.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 20. The number who voted in favor to this position was 15. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Elder Law & Disability Rights Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0270](#) (Jones) Probate; guardians and conservators; probate court jurisdiction over guardianship and conservatorship proceedings; clarify. Amends [1998 PA 386](#) (MCL [700.1101](#) - [700.8206](#)) by adding secs. 5301b & 5402a.

Date position was adopted:

January 9, 2016

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:

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

5 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support in Concept

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments

The Elder Law and Disability Rights Section supports the concept of expanding the jurisdiction of probate courts, so long as the language in Article 1 of EPIC to reflect this intent does not ultimately restrict jurisdiction of the court.

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?2015-SB-0270>