



# HOUSE BILL No. 5551

January 31, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Galloway, Jersevic, Lowe, Dalman, Cropsey, Nye and Ryan and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Rights.

A bill to amend section 586 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, entitled as amended "Revised judicature act of 1961," as amended by Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1992, being section 600.586 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 Section 1. Section 586 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of  
2 1961, as amended by Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1992, being  
3 section 600.586 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 586. (1) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county medical  
6 examiner licensed to practice law in this state shall not do  
7 either of the following:

8 (a) Serve process in an action in which he or she acts as  
9 attorney or counsel for a party.

1 (b) Appear in court as attorney or counsel for a criminal  
2 defendant, except in a criminal or civil contempt proceeding.

3 (2) This section does not prohibit either of the following:

4 (a) A county from limiting or prohibiting the practice of  
5 law by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county medical examiner.

6 (b) A sheriff from limiting or prohibiting the practice of  
7 law by a deputy sheriff.

8 (3) A person who violates subsection (1) is responsible for  
9 a STATE civil infraction ~~, punishable by~~ AND MAY BE ORDERED TO  
10 PAY a CIVIL fine of not more than \$500.00.