

Legislative Analysis



STATE BAR: ELIMINATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

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Senate Bill 1366

Sponsor: Sen. Alan J. Cropsey

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1366 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to remove the requirement that a person qualified for admission to the State Bar be a resident of one of the states or territories or the District of Columbia.

The act currently defines "resident" as including, but not limited to, a member of the military service of the United States or its allies who holds a temporary visa or permanent resident visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The bill would delete the definition.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Michigan Supreme Court receives approximately \$500,000 each year from bar examination fees to support administration of the examination. Revenue from fees could increase if there were additional applicants.

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