

HOUSE BILL No. 5587

December 13, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Schuitmaker, Scott, Condino and Meadows and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to abolish the right of dower; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. A wife's dower right, upon the death of her husband,
2 to a life estate in 1/3 of any land that the husband owned in fee
3 during his lifetime is abolished and unenforceable either through
4 statute or at common law.

5 Sec. 2. This act does not affect, limit, or void contractual
6 or other legal rights that the wife otherwise possesses or acquires
7 during the marriage.

8 Enacting section 1. (1) Sections 1 to 29 of 1846 RS 66, MCL
9 558.1 to 558.29, are repealed.

10 (2) Sections 2931 and 2933 of the revised judicature act of

1 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2931 and 600.2933, are repealed.

2 Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless all
3 of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are enacted into
4 law:

5 (a) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 5586(request no.
6 00397'07 a).

7 (b) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 5588(request no.
8 00397'07 b).