

# Section-only Legislative Proposal Form

## Minnesota State Bar Association

For questions related to this form, contact MSBA lobbyist Bryan Lake at [bryan@lakelawmn.com](mailto:bryan@lakelawmn.com) or 612-227-9504

Article 12 of the MSBA Bylaws governs Legislation. The MSBA and its sections and committees may take positions “on pending or prospective legislation which is within the expertise of the profession or related to access to justice and is within the purposes of the MSBA.”

Please certify the following in accordance with the MSBA’s bylaws and policies:

- The proposed position was submitted for comment to every member of the section or committee before this form was submitted to the MSBA.
- The proposal was approved in accordance with the section’s bylaws or by the majority of a quorum of the committee.
- The vote totals of the section’s or committee’s members or governing body on the proposal:  
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- I understand that no action may be taken for three business days after this form is submitted to the MSBA.
- I understand that the MSBA President may preempt section or committee legislative action at any time and that the Council may reverse or amend the President’s decision by a majority vote of Council members present and voting.

### SECTION I: BACKGROUND

Section(s) or Committee(s) submitting the proposal:

Are you seeking to support an existing bill, oppose an existing bill, or pass your own bill?

- Support existing bill       Oppose existing bill       Pass own bill

Does the proposal amend an existing statute, create a new statute, or relate to funding for an agency or program?

- Amends statute       Creates statute       Agency or program funding

Describe the issue addressed by this legislative proposal and explain who will benefit if the desired result is achieved.

Describe the process used by your section or committee to approve this position.

If your section or committee was asked by another organization to support this initiative, please identify the organization.

Are there any urgent reasons why this proposal should be pursued during the upcoming legislative session?

## **SECTION II: VETTING**

The MSBA will forward this proposal to all sections and committees, but *it is the proposing section's or committee's responsibility* to solicit feedback, at the earliest possible time, from other sections and committees that may have an interest in it.

You should also seek feedback from other organizations and government agencies that might be interested in your proposal. No weight will be given to assumptions about support from other interested parties.

Have any MSBA sections or committees reviewed this proposal and taken a position in support of it or expressed concerns about it?

Are there any MSBA-affiliated organizations or other organizations of Minnesota lawyers that might have an interest in this proposal? If so, have you discussed it with them?

**Are there any other organizations or government agencies that might have an interest in this proposal? If so, have you discussed it with them?**

**Have you discussed your proposal with any legislators? If so, identify the legislators and briefly describe their position on the issue.**

### **SECTION III: LOBBYING RESOURCES**

**The average legislative initiative requires approximately 50 hours of lobbyist support from the MSBA. If you believe this proposal will take substantially more or less time, please explain why.**

**Please provide the email address and phone number for at least one primary contact person.**

**Are there any other organizations that have committed to providing lobbying support for this proposal?**

**Note regarding volunteer lobbying:** No section or committee legislative action may be taken without first coordinating with the MSBA lobbying team. “Legislative action” includes the following: Attempting to persuade elected officials or government agencies; letters, statements, comments, or testimony concerning legislative matters; joining coalitions related to legislative matters; seeking bill authors; and providing technical advice and drafting assistance.

If you need assistance with getting your proposal drafted and formatted for the Legislature, or if you want political advice about your proposal, contact the MSBA's lobbyist, Bryan Lake, at 612-227-9504 or [bryan@lakelawmn.com](mailto:bryan@lakelawmn.com)

**Submitted by**

**Name:**

**Title/Position:**

**Date:**

**\*ATTACH A COPY OF THE LANGUAGE YOU ARE SEEKING TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE\***

*Please submit this form to Bryan Lake at [bryan@lakelawmn.com](mailto:bryan@lakelawmn.com)*