

# HOUSE BILL No. 6136

November 8, 1990. Introduced by Reps. Trim and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, entitled as amended

"Revised judicature act of 1961,"

as amended, being sections 600.101 to 600.9947 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 902.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as  
2 amended, being sections 600.101 to 600.9947 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 902 to read as  
4 follows:

5       SEC. 902. (1) THE SUPREME COURT MAY, BY COURT RULE, PROVIDE  
6 THAT THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR A VOLUN-  
7 TARY SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF LAW  
8 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (A) IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION.  
2 (B) CRIMINAL.  
3 (C) CIVIL APPELLATE.  
4 (D) CIVIL TRIAL.  
5 (E) LABOR.  
6 (F) PERSONAL INJURY.  
7 (G) REAL ESTATE.  
8 (H) OIL, GAS, AND MINERAL.  
9 (I) FAMILY.  
10 (J) TAX.  
11 (K) BANKRUPTCY.  
12 (L) ESTATE PLANNING AND PROBATE.  
13 (M) ADMINISTRATIVE.
- 14 (2) AN ATTORNEY MAY BECOME CERTIFIED IN AS MANY SPECIALTY  
15 AREAS AS PERMITTED BY RULE OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN.  
16 HOWEVER, FAILURE OF AN ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION  
17 IN A PARTICULAR AREA OF LAW DOES NOT PROHIBIT THAT ATTORNEY FROM  
18 PRACTICING IN THAT AREA OF LAW AS LONG AS THE ATTORNEY DOES NOT  
19 ADVERTISE AS HAVING ANY TYPE OF SPECIAL EXPERIENCE OR SKILL IN  
20 THAT AREA OF LAW.
- 21 (3) THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN MAY ESTABLISH A MICHIGAN BOARD  
22 OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY RULE FOR THE  
23 PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE LEGAL SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM. THE  
24 STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN MAY PROVIDE BY RULE FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF  
25 ADVISORY COMMISSIONS FOR EACH AREA OF LAW IN WHICH A SPECIALTY  
26 CERTIFICATION IS AVAILABLE. AN ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL MAKE  
27 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN AND THE SUPREME

1 COURT ON STANDARDS RELATIVE TO THE AREA OF SPECIALIZATION FOR  
2 WHICH IT WAS ESTABLISHED.