

Act No. 177
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
88TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 1996**

Introduced by Reps. Galloway, Jersevic, Lowe, Dalman, Cropsey, Nye and Ryan

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5551

AN ACT to amend section 586 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, entitled as amended "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with, or contravening any of the provisions of this act," 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:

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

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

- (a) Serve process in an action in which he or she acts as attorney or counsel for a party.
- (b) Appear in court as attorney or counsel for a criminal defendant, except in a criminal or civil contempt proceeding.
- (2) This section does not prohibit either of the following:
 - (a) A county from limiting or prohibiting the practice of law by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county medical examiner.
 - (b) A sheriff from limiting or prohibiting the practice of law by a deputy sheriff.

(3) A person who violates subsection (1) is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

Governor.