

# Legislative Analysis

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## ALLOW COURT OF APPEALS TO SWEAR IN NEW LAWYERS

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**House Bill 5204 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Breen**  
**Committee: Judiciary**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5204 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to provide that each judicial district of the Court of Appeals has jurisdiction to admit to the state bar individuals who are qualified to practice law. Currently, circuit courts and the Michigan Supreme Court have that authority. The bill would require the chief clerk of the Court of Appeals to do all of the following when an individual is admitted to the bar by that court:<sup>1</sup>

- Administer to the individual the oath for members of the bar, as prescribed by the supreme court.
- Issue a certificate of admission upon payment of \$25.
- Keep a record of the admission in the roll of attorneys and the journal of the court.
- Promptly transmit certified copies of the orders of admission to the State Bar of Michigan and the clerk of the supreme court.

MCL 600.910 and 600.913

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5204 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local court systems.

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<sup>1</sup> These procedures are the same as those followed by the clerks of the supreme court and each circuit court.