

Act No. 459
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
91ST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2002**

Introduced by Reps. Faunce and LaSata

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5778

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "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; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 949 (MCL 600.949), as amended by 1980 PA 69.

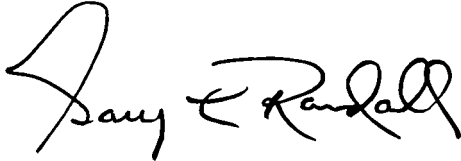
The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 949. (1) It is the duty of all state, county, and city law enforcement officers to aid the state bar of Michigan and the board of law examiners in any investigation of the conduct of members of the bar, and the character and fitness of persons who apply for admission or reinstatement to the bar, and to furnish all available information about the members or persons.

(2) The board of law examiners shall require that an applicant for admission to the state bar of Michigan be fingerprinted to determine whether the applicant has a record of criminal convictions in this state or in other states. The board of law examiners shall submit the fingerprints and the appropriate state and federal fees, which shall be borne by the applicant, to the department of state police for a criminal history check. The department of state police may then forward the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history check. The information obtained as a result of the fingerprinting of an applicant shall be limited to officially determining the character and fitness of the applicant for admission to the state bar of Michigan. After approval of the applicant by the board of law examiners, all fingerprint records shall be returned to the applicant or destroyed.

(3) All fingerprint records being held by the state bar of Michigan shall be destroyed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved

Governor.