

SENATE BILL No. 1366

September 8, 2004, Introduced by Senator CROPSEY and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 934 (MCL 600.934), as amended by 2000 PA 112.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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1 Sec. 934. (1) A person is qualified for admission to the
2 bar of this state who proves to the satisfaction of the board of
3 law examiners that he or she is a person of good moral character,
4 is 18 years of age or older, ~~is a resident of 1 of the states or~~
5 ~~territories or the District of Columbia,~~ has the required
6 general education, learning in the law, and fitness and ability
7 to enable him or her to practice law in the courts of record of
8 this state, and that he or she intends in good faith to practice
9 or teach law in this state. Additional requirements concerning
10 the qualifications for admission are contained in subsequent

1 sections of this chapter. ~~—(2)—~~ As used in this ~~section:—~~ (a)
2 ~~"Good~~ **subsection, "good** moral character" means good moral
3 character as defined and determined under 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41
4 to 338.47.

5 ~~(b) "Resident" includes, but is not limited to, a member of~~
6 ~~the military service of the United States or its allies who holds~~
7 ~~a temporary visa or permanent resident visa issued by the United~~
8 ~~States immigration and naturalization service.~~

9 (2) ~~—(3)—~~ A person may elect to use the multi-state bar
10 examination scaled score that the person achieved on a
11 multi-state bar examination administered in another state or
12 territory when applying for admission to the bar of this state,
13 but only if all of the following occur:

14 (a) The score that the person elects to use was achieved on
15 a multi-state examination administered within the 3 years
16 immediately preceding the multi-state bar examination in this
17 state for which the person would otherwise sit.

18 (b) The person achieved a passing grade on the bar
19 examination of which the multi-state examination the score of
20 which the person elects to use was a part.

21 (c) The multi-state examination the score of which the
22 person elects to use was administered in a state or territory
23 that accords the reciprocal right to elect to use the score
24 achieved on the multi-state examination administered in this
25 state to Michigan residents seeking admission to the bar of that
26 state or territory.

27 (d) The person earns a grade on the essay portion of the bar

1 examination that when combined with the transferred multi-state
2 scaled score constitutes a passing grade for that bar
3 examination.

4 (e) The person otherwise meets all requirements for
5 admission to the bar of this state.

6 (3) ~~—(4)—~~ The state board of law examiners shall disclose to
7 a person electing under subsection ~~—(3)—~~ (2) to transfer the
8 multi-state bar examination scaled score achieved on an
9 examination administered in another state or territory the score
10 the person achieved as soon as that score is received by the
11 board regardless of whether the person could have obtained that
12 score in the jurisdiction in which the examination was
13 administered. This subsection does not require disclosure by the
14 board of the score achieved on a multi-state bar examination
15 administered in another state or territory until the scores
16 achieved on that examination administered in Michigan are
17 released.