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## **HOUSE BILL No. 4933**

August 28, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Heise and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 946 (MCL 600.946).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 946. (1) Any person AN INDIVIDUAL who is duly licensed to practice law in the court of last resort of any other state or territory or the District of Columbia, of the United States of America, and who applies for admission to the bar of this state without examination, is required to prove ALL OF THE FOLLOWING to the satisfaction of the board of law examiners: that:
  - (A) (1)—He OR SHE is A MEMBER in good standing at OF the bar of such THAT other state, territory, or district, and has the qualifications as to moral character, citizenship, age, general education, fitness, and ability required for admission to the bar

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- 1 of this state. ; and
- 2 (B) (2) He OR SHE intends in good faith either to maintain an
- 3 office in this state for the practice of law, and to practice
- 4 actively LAW in this state , or to engage in the teaching of law as
- 5 a full-time instructor in a reputable and qualified law school duly
- 6 incorporated under the laws of LOCATED IN this state. ; and
- 7 (C) (3) His SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), HIS OR HER principal
- 8 business or occupation for at least 3 of the 5 years immediately
- 9 preceding his OR HER application has been either the WAS ANY OF THE
- 10 FOLLOWING:
- 11 (i) THE active practice of law in such THAT other state,
- 12 territory, or district. or the
- 13 (ii) THE teaching of law as a full-time instructor in a
- 14 reputable and qualified law school duly incorporated under the laws
- 15 of LOCATED IN this STATE or some other IN ANOTHER state or A
- 16 territory, or the District of Columbia, of the United States of
- 17 America. , or that period of active
- 18 (iii) ACTIVE service, full-time as distinguished from active
- 19 duty for training and reserve duty, in the armed forces of the
- 20 United States, during which the applicant was assigned to and
- 21 discharged the duties of a judge advocate, legal specialist, or
- 22 legal officer by any other designation, shall be considered as the
- 23 practice of law for the purposes of this section, which IF THAT
- 24 assignment and the inclusive dates thereof shall be OF THAT
- 25 ASSIGNMENT ARE certified to by the judge advocate general or
- 26 comparable officer of the armed forces concerned or by the
- 27 principal assistant to whom this certification may be IS delegated.

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- 1 ; or any
- 2 (iv) A combination of TIME periods of practice thereof. THE
- 3 PRACTICES DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i), (ii), OR (iii).
- 4 (2) The supreme court may, in its discretion, on special
- 5 motion and for good cause shown, increase said THE 5-year period
- 6 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(C). Any period of active service in the
- 7 armed forces of the United States not meeting THAT DOES NOT MEET
- 8 the requirements of duty in the armed forces as herein stated
- 9 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (C) (iii) may be excluded from the 5-year
- 10 period above prescribed DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (C) and the
- period extended accordingly.

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