Written Proponent Testimony

Senate Bill 139

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Chairman Coley, Vice-Chair Uecker, Ranking Member Schiavoni, and members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. The OSBA is a proponent of Senate Bill 139, Ohio’s Electronic Legal Material Act.

At this bill’s first hearing, Chairman Coley inquired as to the OSBA’s position concerning the bill. We thank the Chair for wanting to know our thoughts, and as a conscientious association, it is only right that we provide our thoughts when asked. Therefore, I am happy to report the OSBA Board reviewed Senate Bill 139 over the summer and determined the changes proposed in the bill were needed.

The world is going digital. We see more of our own members opting to receive information electronically instead of in print. Even the lawyer’s sacred *Greenbook* is seeing a decline in the printed version and an increase in the electronic version.

Just like the move from stone to papyrus, the move from print to electronic publications will not be stopped. Given the inevitable, the procedures and guidelines outlined in Senate Bill 139 are needed.

The OSBA urges the adoption of Senate Bill 139.

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