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Bill: SB 541 - Judiciary Department - Judicial Removal - Disqualification From Future Judicial Office

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Position: Favorable

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The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) **supports** Senate Bill 541 - Judiciary Department - Judicial Removal - Disqualification From Future Judicial Office, providing that a justice or judge removed or retired from office upon a recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities is not eligible for future judicial office. Through its advocacy committees and various practice-specific sections, MSBA monitors and takes positions on legislation that protects the legal profession, preserves the integrity of the judicial system, and ensures access to justice for Marylanders.

The bill eliminates any confusion and clearly restricts a justice or judge removed or retired from office on recommendations from the Commission on Judicial Disabilities under Article IV, § 4B from future judicial office. The finality of this disqualification is essential to ensure public trust in the court system.

For these reasons, MSBA respectfully urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 541.

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