

# Michigan is changing...lawmakers ax 171-year-old widow real estate law. Dower Rights will be going away...

- On January 6, 2017, Governor Snyder signed into law the package of bills, SB 558 and SB 560, that abolish dower rights in the State of Michigan.
- These bills will not take effect for 90 days from the date signed by Governor Snyder.
- The newly signed bills, SB 558 and SB 560, abolish a wife's dower right in both statute and common law.
- The Dower law will be officially off the books on April 7, 2017.
- The bills do apply the right of dower to a surviving widow whose husband / spouse passed away prior to the effective date of the bills.
- Dower rights ensure that surviving widows get some portion of their husband's / spouse's estate.
- Note that Dower Rights may not be applicable to every surviving widow.
- Note Dower Rights may apply to both parties in a marriage or not apply to any parties in a marriage, depending on their gender.

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