

# CAPC

## Connecticut Association of Probate Clerks

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- **Brief Intro:**

- Good afternoon my name is Patricia Saviano and I am the President of the Connecticut Association of Probate Clerks also known as CAPC.
- I am also the Chief Clerk of the Danbury Probate Court. I have worked in the Probate System for the past 39 years and I have seen a lot of changes. The most recent of which was the major reconstruction and consolidation efforts of 2011 which drastically changed the Probate Courts and has led to policy changes in the probate system.
- CAPC is a voluntary organization comprised of approximately 240 members, which is over 2/3 of the total 336 employees in the probate system. Our mission is to further and promote the interest of all clerks, assistant clerks and probate court staff throughout the State of Connecticut through education, the exchange of ideas, collection and distribution of information.
- Today, I speak on behalf of those members regarding H.B. No. 5066

- **Membership Position Neutral - Divided:**

- Of our membership, approximately 15% have expressed views in favor of the changes suggested in H.B. 5066. Identically, about 15% have expressed views against the changes in this Bill.
- Leaving round 70% of our members completely silent and undecided on the issues.
- To say the least, CAPC membership remains divided and undecided on this Bill. As an Association, we are bound by our Bylaws and because there is no clear majority either for or against this Bill, CAPC, as an organization must remain neutral.
- That being said, the passage of this Bill would be a major change in our system and would significantly affect the lives of each and every clerk. It would drastically change our working environment. Because of this, I respectfully ask this Committee to place careful thought into the plight of all clerks when considering this Bill and think of what passage would mean to the Probate System as a whole.
- If the indecisiveness of our membership shows anything, it shows the gravity of these issues and their complexity.

- **CAPC Lack of Involvement:**

- On a final note, I feel it is necessary to inform this committee that the Association was not a part of the creation nor development of this particular Bill and so we can only assume it is being proposed from an source outside the probate system or by individuals in their own capacity.
- Thank you for your time and consideration.