

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.31

Senator McBroom offered the following concurrent resolution:

1       A concurrent resolution to support the duly enacted election  
2 laws that ensure the integrity and efficient administration of our  
3 elections.

4       Whereas, Election laws must provide access to voting while  
5 also ensuring sound election administration and mitigating the risk  
6 of fraud. This is paramount to uphold the integrity of the  
7 electoral system; and

8       Whereas, The *Constitution of the United States*, in Article I,  
9 Section 4 and Article II, Section 1, vests state legislatures with  
10 the authority to prescribe election procedures for presidential and  
11 congressional elections; and

12       Whereas, The *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963*  
13 charges the Legislature with enacting laws on elections. Article

1 II, Section 4 of the constitution states, in part:

2 Except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in  
3 the constitution or laws of the United States the  
4 legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place  
5 and manner of all nominations and elections, to preserve  
6 the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the  
7 ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective  
8 franchise, and to provide for a system of voter  
9 registration and absentee voting.

10 ; and

11 Whereas, In accordance with the United States and Michigan  
12 constitutions, the Legislature enacted prudent laws aimed to  
13 produce organized, fair elections by prohibiting the paid  
14 transportation of able-bodied voters to the polls; limiting who may  
15 assist an absentee voter with their ballot; and setting the ballot  
16 receipt deadline on election day; and

17 Whereas, Two court rulings have declared that these laws  
18 cannot be enforced. On September 17, 2020, a U.S. District Court  
19 granted a preliminary injunction that will permit the paid  
20 transportation of voters to an election. On September 18, 2020, the  
21 Michigan Court of Claims granted preliminary injunctive relief  
22 broadly opening up who may assist an absent voter with their ballot  
23 and set the receipt deadline for absentee ballots postmarked no  
24 later than one day before election day to 14 days after election  
25 day; and

26 Whereas, Permitting the paid transportation of voters to the  
27 polls creates opportunities for political groups to engage in quid  
28 pro quo crimes that affect votes; and

29 Whereas, Failing to limit who may assist citizens with their

1 absentee ballots, especially in mass quantities, can increase fraud  
2 and diminish public confidence in election results. Through such  
3 ballot harvesting, political operatives entrusted with voters'  
4 ballots could tamper with them or discard them; and

5       Whereas, Extending the absentee ballot receipt deadline past  
6 election day delays election results and causes severe and serious  
7 problems with election administration. It invites court battles and  
8 undermines confidence in the outcome of the election; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10       Resolved, That the Michigan Senate commits to the selection of  
11 electors to the Electoral College that will be faithful to voting  
12 for the candidate with the most votes for President in Michigan as  
13 certified by Michigan election officials; and be it further

14       Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives  
15 concurring), That we support the duly enacted election laws that  
16 ensure the integrity and efficient administration of our elections;  
17 and be it further

18       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
19 Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General.