SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.37

Senator McBroom offered the following concurrent resolution: 1 A concurrent resolution to call for a continued commitment to investigating allegations of fraud and irregularities in our 2 3 elections, to considering and implementing reforms to improve our elections and audit processes, and to restoring citizens' faith in 4 the accuracy and integrity of elections in Michigan. 5 6 Whereas, The tremendous uptick in absentee voting demonstrated 7 that our election laws are inadequate to protect the integrity and legitimacy of the election. Because substantial absentee voting is 8 likely the new reality, proper changes to our election laws must be 9 10 made to ensure citizens can be confident in future election results. Looking to best practices across other states, we must 11 12 institute proper early processing of absentee ballots, update and 13 clean up the Qualified Voter File, and ensure proper verification 14 of voter identity that does not impede the right to vote, among

- 1 other potential changes; and
- 2 Whereas, Ongoing robust legislative oversight through
- 3 committee work and other means are rightly reviewing the November
- 4 2020 election and our election processes. Legislative oversight is
- 5 an important tool that can be utilized to reveal fraud,
- 6 vulnerabilities, and irregularities; dispel myths and rumors; and
- 7 inform policy changes that should be made to our election system;
- 8 and
- 9 Whereas, Both the Senate Oversight Committee and the House
- 10 Oversight Committee have met numerous times and continue to meet to
- 11 hear concerns and review information related to Michigan's
- 12 elections. The committees have heard testimony from concerned
- 13 citizens, poll challengers, county clerks, and other parties, and
- 14 that testimony has already revealed potential election reforms to
- 15 consider. The committees have also issued multiple subpoenas to
- 16 collect documents and information, which help inform their work;
- **17** and
- 18 Whereas, In addition to legislative oversight, continued
- 19 prosecutorial review of many items regarding the November 2020
- 20 election is warranted. Allegations of fraud and irregularities,
- 21 such as deceased persons voting, mismatched signatures on absentee
- 22 ballots, error-prone voting equipment, and other things demand a
- 23 thorough prosecutorial investigation. Additionally, knowingly false
- 24 accusations and the propagation of rumors designed to create
- 25 mistrust and deceive the public should be exposed and prosecuted to
- 26 the maximum extent possible. Such investigations are particularly
- 27 suited to root out violations of the law and highlight prudent
- 28 reforms and function to maintain a heritage of peaceful transitions
- 29 of power and of solving our differences and disputes through the

- 1 political process rather than through violence or tyranny; now,
- 2 therefore, be it
- 3 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
- 4 concurring), That we call for a continued commitment to
- 5 investigating allegations of fraud and irregularities in our
- 6 elections, to considering and implementing reforms to improve our
- 7 elections and audit processes, and to restoring citizens' faith in
- 8 the accuracy and integrity of elections in Michigan.