

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.37

Senator McBroom offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to call for a continued commitment to
2 investigating allegations of fraud and irregularities in our
3 elections, to considering and implementing reforms to improve our
4 elections and audit processes, and to restoring citizens' faith in
5 the accuracy and integrity of elections in Michigan.

6 Whereas, The tremendous uptick in absentee voting demonstrated
7 that our election laws are inadequate to protect the integrity and
8 legitimacy of the election. Because substantial absentee voting is
9 likely the new reality, proper changes to our election laws must be
10 made to ensure citizens can be confident in future election
11 results. Looking to best practices across other states, we must
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.