

THIS RESOLUTION IS OFFERED TO COMPLY WITH MCL 4.101, MCL 4.541, AND
RULE 37 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.260

Reps. Tyrone Carter, Pohutsky, Scott, Clemente, Sowerby, Hope,
Tate, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar and Ellison offered the following
resolution:

1 A resolution to create a House select committee to examine the
2 actions of Lee Chatfield, former Representative of the One-hundred
3 Seventh House District.

4 Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the*
5 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

6 All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before
7 entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall
8 take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do
9 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
10 Constitution of the United States and the constitution of
11 this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties

1 of the office of according to the best of my
2 ability...

3 ; and

4 Whereas, Rule 74(4) of the Standing Rules of the House of
5 Representatives states:

6 A Member shall not convert for personal, business and/or
7 campaign use, unrelated to House business, any supplies,
8 services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of
9 Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones,
10 telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

11 ; and

12 Whereas, Confidence in government and elected officials is a
13 prerequisite to the functioning of a democratic society; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a House select
16 committee to examine the actions of Lee Chatfield is created. The
17 select committee shall consist of six members. Three members of the
18 select committee shall be from the House Republican Caucus selected
19 by the Speaker of the House and three members of the select
20 committee shall be from the House Democratic Caucus selected by the
21 House Minority Leader. The Speaker of the House and the House
22 Minority Leader shall each designate a co-chair of the select
23 committee. The House select committee shall report its findings and
24 recommendations to the House of Representatives; and be it further

25 Resolved, That the House select committee may subpoena
26 witnesses, administer oaths, and examine the books, records, and
27 tapes of any person, partnership, association, or corporation,
28 public or private, involved in a matter properly before the
29 committee; may call upon the services and personnel of any agency

1 of the state and its political subdivisions; and may engage such
2 assistance as it deems necessary; and be it further

3 Resolved, That members of the House select committee shall
4 serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and
5 necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of
6 official duties, to be paid from the appropriation to the House of
7 Representatives; and be it further

8 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be served on Lee
9 Chatfield and that he be given a reasonable opportunity to appear
10 before the House select committee and be represented by counsel.