

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Senators McCann, Hollier, Polehanki, McMorrow, Bayer, Brinks, Wojno, Irwin, Moss, Geiss, Chang, Alexander and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Congress and the
2 President of the United States to pass H.R. 1 or a similar policy
3 measure to protect democracy, access, integrity, and security in
4 this country's electoral system.

5 Whereas, Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our
6 democracy. Voting is not a privilege; it is one of the single most
7 fundamental rights that can be exercised in a democracy and one
8 that should be protected and championed; and

9 Whereas, Government should be accountable, transparent, and
10 free from corruption. Our elected leaders should not serve special
11 interests. They should be held to the highest of ethical standards;

1 and

2 Whereas, In response to baseless claims of voter fraud during
3 the 2020 election cycle, as of March 2021, legislators in 47
4 states, including here in Michigan, have introduced over 350 bills
5 under the veil of "election integrity," but they are really efforts
6 to suppress and disenfranchise voters, particularly voters of
7 color; and

8 Whereas, Currently in Congress, H.R. 1, the For the People Act
9 of 2021, would enshrine many policies that protect the right to
10 vote and ensure the integrity of our elections. The act would
11 establish automatic voter registration, require a period of early
12 voting for federal elections, prohibit restrictions on mail voting,
13 and ban voter registration roll purges, among other critical
14 policies that both protect and advance voting rights; and

15 Whereas, H.R. 1 would also institute campaign finance and
16 ethics policies that strengthen our democracy and bring integrity
17 to the system. The legislation would limit the influence of special
18 interest money in our politics, bolster political donor disclosure
19 requirements, and implement other measures designed to overhaul
20 this country's campaign finance system. It would enhance ethics
21 laws for elected officials as well; and

22 Whereas, With states across the country, such as the state of
23 Georgia, aggressively enacting legislation to impose unnecessary
24 and unconscionable Jim Crow style restrictions on voters, Congress
25 and the President must act expeditiously and intentionally to
26 safeguard the right to vote for Michiganders and all Americans;
27 now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States
29 Congress and the President of the United States to pass H.R. 1 or a

1 similar policy measure to protect democracy, access, integrity, and
2 security in this country's electoral system; and be it further

3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
4 President of the United States, the President of the United States
5 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
6 the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Governor
7 of Michigan, and the Secretary of State of Michigan.