

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

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

1 A resolution to censure Senator John Bizon of the Nineteenth
2 Senate District, State of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the*
4 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides:

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

1 ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test
2 shall be required as a qualification for any office or
3 public trust.

4 ; and

5 Whereas, Rule 1.301 of the Standing Rules of the Senate
6 provides:

7 Each Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify
8 the confidence placed in him or her by the people and
9 shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues,
10 maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her
11 office.

12 ; and

13 Whereas, Rule 1.311 of the Standing Rules of the Senate
14 provides, in part:

15 A Senator determined to have violated the provisions of
16 the rules regulating ethics and conduct may be reprimanded,
17 censured, or expelled.

18 ; and

19 Whereas, Senator John Bizon pleaded guilty to misdemeanor
20 assault and battery in February 2022, following an incident in
21 August 2021 in which he inappropriately touched a female nurse
22 practitioner. Senator Bizon's guilty plea is a direct admission of
23 wrongdoing for which he has been sentenced by a court in this
24 state; and

25 Whereas, Senator Bizon - a physician and public official - not
26 only has an obligation to follow the law and treat people with
27 respect, but to serve as a model for his fellow citizens. In
28 committing assault and battery, Senator Bizon failed to meet the
29 high standards of conduct expected of his office by the people of

1 Michigan; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That Senator John Bizon of the
3 Nineteenth Senate District is hereby censured; and be it further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
5 Senator John Bizon.