Rep. Hovey-Wright offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 238.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Board of State Canvassers to protect the rights of the people under the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* and certify the petition calling for a referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011.

Whereas, On March 16, 2011, Governor Snyder signed into law the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act (Public Act 4 of 2011). This act allows for the appointment of emergency managers with powers that challenge democracy in Michigan's counties, cities, townships, villages, and school districts; and

Whereas, The expanded powers granted to emergency mangers eliminate accountability to the citizens of Michigan and fog the regular checks, balances, and transparency found in democracy; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan retained to themselves the right of referendum when they adopted the current state constitution. Article II, Section 9 of the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* provides for a public vote on any legislation, other than an appropriation, upon the filing of a petition with a sufficient number of signatures; and

Whereas, Public Act 4 of 2011 is not an appropriation act and is therefore properly the subject of a referendum; and

Whereas, A petition with more than 200,000 signatures, substantially more than required by the Michigan Constitution, has been filed with the Michigan Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections demanding a vote of the people on this controversial legislation; and

Whereas, The signatures were submitted in a timely basis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Michigan Board of State Canvassers to protect the rights of the people under the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* and certify the petition calling for a referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 at the November 2012 election; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Michigan Board of State Canvassers.