

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Reps. Griffin, Allor, Hoitenga, Paquette, Afendoulis, Hornberger and Green offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Governor to submit an executive order
2 to reorganize the executive branch towards improving environmental
3 protections, access to safe and clean drinking water, and the
4 health and safety of Michigan's citizens, in a manner consistent
5 with the intent of the Legislature.

6 Whereas, Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the *Constitution*
7 *of the State of Michigan of 1963*, the Governor may make changes in
8 the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of
9 functions among its units which she considers necessary for
10 efficient administration unless the Legislature disapproves; and

11 Whereas, On February 4, 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued
12 Executive Order No. 2019-02 to, in part, establish the Department

1 of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; prescribe for the
2 administration of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and
3 Energy; establish the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings
4 and Rules; and make transfers from the Department of Environmental
5 Quality, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Department
6 of Natural Resources, and Department of Technology, Management and
7 Budget; and

8 Whereas, On February 14, 2019, the Legislature adopted House
9 Concurrent Resolution No. 1 to disapprove Executive Order No. 2019-
10 02 because it sought to abolish legislatively created entities in a
11 manner inconsistent with the intention of the Legislature; and

12 Whereas, The Legislature is committed to safeguarding the
13 health and safety of Michigan's citizens and families by protecting
14 the environment and improving access to safe, clean drinking water;
15 and

16 Whereas, The Governor has expressed a similar desire to
17 protect the environment and improve access to safe, clean drinking
18 water by, in part, reorganizing state government; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
21 Governor, pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the *Constitution of*
22 *the State of Michigan of 1963*, to submit an executive order to
23 reorganize the executive branch towards improving environmental
24 protections, access to safe and clean drinking water, and the
25 health and safety of Michigan's citizens, in a manner consistent
26 with the intent of the Legislature; and be it further

27 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
28 Governor.