

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.5

Reps. Damoose, Bollin, Slagh, Brann, LaFave, Fink, Maddock, Beeler, Alexander, Roth, Paquette, Lightner, Hoitenga, Green, Carra, Borton, Bezotte, Markkanen, Outman, Eisen and Posthumus offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to reaffirm states' rights under the
2 United States Constitution to establish election laws.

3 Whereas, Traditionally, and as empowered through the U.S.
4 Constitution, states set and administer their own election
5 policies. While there is some congressional power regarding
6 election laws, state legislatures are the proper bodies and best-
7 suited to set laws on election matters; and

8 Whereas, Federal legislation that seeks to regulate
9 registration, voting, and other election matters, like H.R. 1 of
10 2021, represents a massive overreach into state election
11 administration. H.R. 1 would force many misguided policies upon

1 states, such as impeding the maintenance of voter registration
2 rolls to be accurate and up-to-date, hampering the enforcement of
3 sensible voter identification standards, and banning the regulation
4 of ballot harvesting. These and other items in the legislation have
5 the effect of federalizing state elections, are conducive to chaos
6 in elections administration, and invite voter fraud. Such
7 legislation is simply an unwanted and unwarranted intrusion into
8 the power of states to administer elections. Every state knows best
9 how to conduct its elections; and

10 Whereas, Any election reform efforts should be left to the
11 states and focus on ensuring that the system is safe, secure, and
12 fair. Citizens deserve to know that the outcome of elections are
13 free from fraud and irregularities, with policies to this effect
14 rightly set by each state; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
16 concurring), That we reaffirm states' rights under the United
17 States Constitution to establish election laws; and be it further

18 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
19 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
20 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
21 congressional delegation.