

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.114

Reps. Koleszar, Whitsett, Ellison, Breen, Hertel, Lasinski, Puri, Brabec, Manoogian, Bolden, Morse, Young, Cavanagh, Haadsma, Shannon, Coleman, Liberati, Garza, Scott, Aiyash, Hammoud, Camilleri, Clemente, Pohutsky, Rogers, LaGrand, Hope, Kuppa, Weiss, Neeley, Hood, Brixie, Cynthia Johnson and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to affirm support for ballot Proposal 3 of 2018
2 that enhanced voting rights after it was approved by a wide
3 majority of Michigan voters.

4 Whereas, Voting is the cornerstone of democracy and is a right
5 that should always be protected and advanced to ensure all voters
6 are able to participate. Championing the vote is vital to maintain
7 the highest ideals of our country--liberty, justice, and equality;
8 and

1 Whereas, During the November 2018 general election, Michigan
2 voters overwhelmingly supported ballot Proposal 3, which was
3 intended to improve the state voting system and help ensure that
4 the system worked for everyone. Proposal 3 was passed with nearly
5 67 percent of voters approving of it; and

6 Whereas, Ballot Proposal 3 of 2018 amended the Michigan
7 Constitution by adding eight specific voting rights. Passage of
8 Proposal 3 guaranteed the constitutional right to: a secret ballot,
9 timely distribution of absentee ballots to military personnel and
10 others living overseas, straight-ticket party voting, automatic
11 voter registration, voter registration by mail up to 15 days before
12 an election, in-person voter registration extended to election day
13 with proof of residency, no-reason absentee voting, and a statewide
14 audit of election results; and

15 Whereas, As legislation to restrict voting and roll back voter
16 rights has been advanced across the country, it is imperative to
17 stand against these undemocratic efforts. We must forever preserve
18 and promote the right to vote; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we affirm
20 support for ballot Proposal 3 of 2018 that enhanced voting rights
21 after it was approved by a wide majority of Michigan voters.