

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Senators Bumstead, Victory, Theis, Runestad, LaSata, Nesbitt, Zorn, Stamas and VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to request that that the Secretary of State and
2 the Bureau of Elections complete the signature review process for
3 the Unlock Michigan initiative petition.

4 Whereas, Government must always respond to citizens in a
5 timely and accurate manner. Democracy demands that government serve
6 its citizens with the utmost efficiency; and

7 Whereas, Over three months ago, on October 2, 2020, Unlock
8 Michigan filed over 500,000 signatures for its petition to repeal
9 the Emergency Powers of Governor Act, 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to
10 10.33, entitled "an act authorizing the governor to proclaim a
11 state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the
12 governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties"; and

1 Whereas, Multiple statewide petition proposals from recent
2 years have been processed in less than three months, including some
3 in much less time. The Director of the Bureau of Elections stated
4 in an affidavit that "it takes approximately 60 days to complete
5 the random sampling and challenge process." Secretary of State
6 Jocelyn Benson has said petition review could take 105 days; and

7 Whereas, When citizens lawfully petition their government in
8 an action of direct democracy, it is imperative that the government
9 act swiftly and sincerely; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the Senate, That we request that the Secretary of
11 State and the Bureau of Elections complete the signature review
12 process for the Unlock Michigan initiative petition; and be it
13 further

14 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
15 Secretary of State, the Director of the Bureau of Elections, and
16 the Board of State Canvassers.