

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.25

Senator Johnson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Congress and the
2 President of the United States to oppose H.R. 1 and similar harmful
3 election policy measures.

4 Whereas, Free and fair elections are vital to our country but
5 only possible with prudent laws in place. Our electoral system must
6 be safeguarded from fraud and irregularities, including laws that
7 enhance the possibility and probability for such harms; and

8 Whereas, Introduced in Congress, H.R. 1 of 2021 would enshrine
9 into law many misguided election policies. H.R. 1 would impede the
10 maintenance of accurate voter registration lists and the
11 enforcement of sensible voter identification standards.
12 Additionally, the legislation would greatly enable the practice of
13 ballot harvesting, which is currently illegal in our state. These

1 and other provisions in H.R. 1 would greatly undermine the
2 integrity of our elections; and

3 Whereas, H.R. 1 represents a massive federal overreach into
4 state election policy. The U.S. Constitution empowers state
5 legislatures to set election laws, and each state knows best how to
6 conduct its elections. H.R. 1 is an unwanted and unnecessary
7 federal power grab that infringes on state authority to administer
8 elections and threatens local control; and

9 Whereas, On March 7, 2021, President Joe Biden signed an
10 executive order that unnecessarily expands the federal government's
11 role in voter registration activities that are best handled by
12 states and wrongly directs federal resources into other election
13 matters; and

14 Whereas, Election reform efforts should focus on ensuring that
15 the system is safe, secure, and fair. Citizens deserve to know that
16 the outcome of elections are free from fraud and irregularities;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States
19 Congress and the President of the United States to oppose H.R. 1
20 and similar harmful election policy measures; and be it further

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