

Reps. Spade, Accavitti, Adamini, Bradstreet, Brown, Daniels, DeRossett, Ehardt, Elkins, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Jamnick, Lipsey, Minore, Murphy, Paletko, Sak, Sheltroun, Smith, Stallworth, Stewart, Vagnozzi, Waters and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 19.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Civil Service Commission to rescind its requirement that all new hires must use electronic funds transfer to receive their pay.

Whereas, The Michigan Civil Service Commission recently adopted a rule that provides that all new employees hired by the state can only receive their paycheck in electronic format. Contrary to current policies, which have been in place for many years, state employees who join the state work force will not have the option of receiving all or part of their wages in a traditional check. The new requirement, Rule 5-15, effectively reduces flexibility for workers and their families; and

Whereas, While many people who work for the state, like employees elsewhere, already utilize the electronic transfer option, there are many others who have serious concerns with electronic transfers. Reports of identity theft and computer crimes are worrisome to many who do not feel comfortable with what they feel is an unnecessary risk to their paycheck. Other workers may choose not to sign up for electronic payroll deposit because they want the added flexibility a paper check provides them when they do their banking with more than one institution; and

Whereas, Although there are good reasons for the state to promote electronic transfer for wages, it is wrong for the state to provide no option for its workers. The heavy-handed approach represented by the new rule is not needed and is inconsiderate for employees who have serious objections to electronic funds transfer for their paycheck; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Michigan Civil Service Commission to rescind its requirement that all new hires must use electronic funds transfer to receive their pay; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Civil Service Commission.