

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.257

Reps. Hertel, Brabec, Young, Cavanagh, Sowerby, Hope, Manoogian, Pohutsky, Brenda Carter, Rabhi, Weiss, Stone, Tate, Kuppa, Steckloff, Morse, Hood, Breen, Hertel, Tyrone Carter, Shannon, Aiyash, Puri, Rogers, Lasinski, Neeley, Haadsma, Ellison, Thanedar, LaGrand, Koleszar, Scott, Brixie, Garza, Cynthia Johnson, Anthony and Yancey offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage educational institutions and local
2 governments to help register eligible students to vote.

3 Whereas, Voting is perhaps the most important type of civic
4 engagement, as our democracy is built upon citizens exercising
5 their right of franchise. Through voting, we elect leaders and
6 lawmakers; make public policy decisions; and express opinions at
7 the national, state, and local levels that define and drive our
8 society; and

1 Whereas, Younger people consistently have the lowest voter
2 registration and turnout rates among age groups across the country,
3 but voting is a habit that can be engrained in youth and lead to
4 further civic engagement. Teenagers and young adults should be
5 encouraged to vote early on; and

6 Whereas, Our educational institutions and local governments
7 hold positions and have ties in the community that can be leveraged
8 to foster voter registration among students. Centers of education,
9 such as high schools, colleges and universities, and adult
10 education programs, can help eligible students register to vote.
11 Local governments, namely election clerks, can directly get
12 students registered to vote; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
14 educational institutions and local governments to help register
15 eligible students to vote; and be it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
17 Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Municipal League,
18 the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of
19 County Clerks, the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, the
20 Michigan Association of State Universities, Michigan Independent
21 Colleges and Universities, the Michigan Colleges Alliance, the
22 Michigan Community College Association, and the Michigan
23 Association of Secondary School Principals.