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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Recently, the public has become aware of serious
3 issues with the implementation of the Automatic Voter
4 Registration System (AVR) in Illinois, as the Secretary of
5 State confirmed that from July 2, 2018 through December 13,
6 2019 the AVR system allowed for 574 self-identified, non-United
7 States citizens to have voter registration information sent to
8 the State Board of Elections; and

9 WHEREAS, Those individuals were added to the State's voter
10 rolls; it was later determined by the State Board of Elections
11 that at least 15 of those 574 individuals voted in the 2018
12 general election, and at least one of those 15 was a
13 non-citizen who voted in Champaign County; and

14 WHEREAS, The Secretary of State's office has confirmed that
15 they forwarded voter registration information for over 4,700
16 16-year-olds to the State Board of Elections who then forwarded
17 such information to local election authorities, even though an
18 Illinois resident is required to be 18-years-old to vote unless
19 that individual is 17-years-old for a primary election for
20 which they will be 18-years-old by the general election; and

21 WHEREAS, The Secretary of State's office has confirmed
22 that, as a "quality control" measure, they are no longer

1 forwarding AVR applications to the State Board of Elections on
2 Saturdays and Sundays, which is a change from previous policy;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois' AVR statute requires the Department of
5 Natural Resources, the Department of Human Services, the
6 Department of Employment Security, and the Department of
7 Financial and Professional Regulation to also participate in
8 automatic voter registration, and, to this date, only two of
9 those four agencies are complying with State law; and

10 WHEREAS, The current Auditor General has an ongoing case
11 before the State Board of Elections regarding his use of
12 campaign funds from his account as State Representative; this
13 case resulted in the State Board of Elections fining his
14 campaign fund \$5000, a situation which involved investigations
15 by both the State Board of Elections and the federal government
16 in regards to repeated campaign law violations and a situation
17 which calls into question whether the Auditor General can carry
18 out a truly independent audit involving the State Board of
19 Elections; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 the Illinois State Board of Elections is directed to arrange
23 and have conducted a performance audit of the Illinois

1 Automatic Voter Registration System and its processes by an
2 outside, independent auditor; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,
4 the following determinations:

5 (1) Whether the Office of the Secretary of State or the
6 State Board of Elections knew non-citizens were entered
7 into the Automatic Voter Registration System, and when they
8 knew it;

9 (2) Whether the Office of the Secretary of State or the
10 State Board of Elections knew non-citizens voted in a 2018
11 or 2019 election, and when they knew it;

12 (3) The process, time frame, and coordination of data
13 sharing between the Secretary of State, the State Board of
14 Elections, the Department of Human Services, the
15 Department of Employment Security, the Department of
16 Natural Resources, and the Department of Financial and
17 Professional Regulation;

18 (4) The process, time frame, and coordination of voter
19 registration and data sharing between the State Board of
20 Elections and local election authorities;

21 (5) Why the Department of Natural Resources and the
22 Department of Human Services have an automatic voter
23 registration system which is different than the Secretary
24 of State's system;

25 (6) Why the Department of Employment Security and the

1 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation have
2 not yet implemented the Automatic Voter Registration
3 System and a timeframe for its completion;

4 (7) Why the Secretary of State made the decision to
5 continue administering the Automatic Voter Registration
6 system after discovering non-citizens were entered into
7 the system; and

8 (8) Whether the Secretary of State has completed an
9 internal audit on the Automatic Voter Registration System,
10 and what they have done to fix the system that allowed
11 non-citizens to complete the Automatic Voter Registration
12 process; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we call upon the State of Illinois and its
14 operating units, including, but not limited to, the Secretary
15 of State and the State Board of Elections, to immediately
16 suspend the Automatic Voter Registration system; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State, the Department of
19 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the
20 Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Financial
21 and Professional Regulation, and any other State agency or
22 other entity having information relevant to this audit shall
23 cooperate fully and promptly in the conduct of this audit; and
24 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Elections shall commence
2 this audit as soon as possible and report their findings and
3 recommendations upon completion to the Governor and each of the
4 four leaders of the General Assembly; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That for the purpose of this resolution, the
6 conclusion of this audit shall not be deemed to have taken
7 place until the Legislative Audit Commission has reviewed the
8 findings of this audit in a public meeting, and the General
9 Assembly has been accorded adequate time on its legislative
10 calendar to take any actions that may be reasonably deemed
11 necessary or desirable to implement any recommendations made by
12 the audit and to remedy any problems or dysfunctions uncovered
13 by the audit; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be
15 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, Secretary of State Jesse
16 White, State Board of Elections Chairman Chuck Scholz,
17 Department of Human Services Secretary Grace B. Hou, Department
18 of Employment Security Director Gustavo Giraldo, Department of
19 Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan, Department of
20 Financial and Professional Regulation Secretary Deborah Hagan,
21 Auditor General Frank J. Mautino, and Legislative Audit
22 Commission Executive Director Jane Stricklin.