

HOUGHTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Resolution Creating an Early Voting Consolidated County Precinct

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4(1)(m) of the Michigan State Constitution gives every citizen the right, once registered, to vote in each statewide and federal election in person at an early voting site prior to election day; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 116 of 1954, Sec. 662(7), as amended by Public Act 81 of 2023, requires that a Board of County Election Commissioners shall ensure that a polling place, early voting site, or central polling place is accessible and complies with the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and the Help America Vote Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 116 of 1954, Sec. 720g(5), as added by Public Act 81 of 2023, requires that the County Clerk, after consulting the municipal clerks, shall submit each early voting site location to the Board of County Election Commissioners for approval, and each early voting site submitted for approval may serve all electors covered by the County Agreement, the electors in specific municipalities that are covered by an early voting site, the electors of 1 municipality, or any combination of these options, as long as each elector in the County is served by 1 or more early voting sites; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 116 of 1954, Sec. 720i(1),(2),(3), and (4), as added by Public Act 81 of 2023, removes limits on the number of precincts, municipalities, and electors a polling place that is an early voting site may serve, allowing for the County Election Commission to assign an accessible, centrally located, single early voting site to serve the entire County of Houghton no later than 60 days before an election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, after taking into consideration expected turnout, population density, public transportation, accessibility, travel time, traffic patterns, and all other factors that are considered necessary to enhance the accessibility of early voting sites, the Houghton County Election Commission assigns the **Houghton City Center, 616 Sheldon Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931** as an early voting site for all municipalities in Houghton County that enter into an agreement with the Houghton County Clerk to conduct early voting for each such municipality.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Election Commission Member: Lisa Mattila

Seconded by Election Commission Member: Hon. Fraser Strome

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Mattila, Strome, Kelly (3).

Upon roll call vote the following voted "no": None (0).

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: September 14, 2023.

Fraser Strome, Probate Judge

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk

Lisa Mattila, County Treasurer