ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

BILL NO. 55-23

INTRODUCED BY: She SECONDED BY: Sitar

A BILL TO: Advocate Non-Citizenship Voting in East Lansing

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, In East Lansing, Michigan, there is estimated population of 48,844, including a 12.68% non-U.S. citizen population (Appendix 1); and,

WHEREAS, Non-citizens include legal permanent residents (green card holders), international students, temporary workers, and others; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan State University has total of 7,266 international students on campus (Appendix 2); and,

WHEREAS, The average residency for international students is 4-5 years; and,

WHEREAS, Certain policies will affect non-citizens' living standard in East Lansing and may cause them to leave the area; and,

WHEREAS, Eleven local governments around the country allow non-citizens to vote in their local elections, including ten in Maryland and one in California; and,

WHEREAS, Current Michigan statute forbids non-citizens from voting in municipal elections, be it

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University will advocate for the state of Michigan to allow for municipalities to allow non-citizens to vote in local elections, and be it further

RESOLVED, ASMSU will work with the government of East Lansing to promote the voice and views of non-citizens in East Lansing, and be it further

RESOLVED, ASMSU will advocate that East Lansing opens up local elections to non-citizens when the necessary changes are made in the state’s election law.

INTRODUCED ON November 29, 2018

REFERRED TO Policy COMMITTEE ON 11/29/2018

COMMITTEE ACTION X Voice - Majority 11/29/2018

PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X voice majority 12/6/18

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Appendix 1

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<th>Origin of Non Citizens</th>
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Non citizens include legal permanent residents (green card holders), international students, temporary workers, humanitarian migrants, and illegal immigrants.

Place of Birth

83.52% of East Lansing MI residents were born in the United States, with 60.41% having been born in Michigan. 12.68% of residents are not US citizens. Of those not born in the United States, the largest percentage are from Asia.


Appendix 2

Michigan State University reports having a total of 7,266 international students on campus, 5,013 of whom are undergraduates. This is out of a total of 50,340 students, 39,090 of whom are undergraduates.

Michigan State suggests that international students make up about 14.4% of the student body.