Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum Calls for Additional Election Inspectors

MASON – Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum (D-Onondaga) called today for members of the Ingham County community to sign up to become certified election inspectors prior to the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

“I have received reports from local clerks in Ingham County that they are struggling to find residents who are interested in serving as election inspectors in the precincts this August,” Byrum stated. “Unfortunately, as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19, a number of previously committed election inspectors are unable to serve this election. I am seeking all those who are willing to serve as an election inspector to fill out a very brief application and I will work with the local clerks to ensure that each precinct is adequately staffed.”

Byrum indicated that the positions are hired and paid through the local city and township clerk’s offices and the work entails assisting voters at the polls on Election Day or working with a local clerk’s AV counting board. Those interested must be registered voters, complete a training prior to Election Day, and be available to work. They will also have to declare their party affiliation as a part of the application process.

“Election inspectors serve a vital role in ensuring the safe and smooth administration of elections,” said Byrum. “They serve on the front lines for voters when they come to cast their ballot and their work is an invaluable service to their community. It is critical that we fill these positions before the election.”

Those seeking to serve as an election inspector may apply at this website. The deadline to apply to be an election inspector is July 13, 2020.

“You may be asked to serve as an election inspector in a different community than where you live, based on need,” she said. “Election inspectors will be provided personal protective equipment and that there will be disinfectant or sanitizer available for every precinct location. My top goal is and has always been ensuring that voters can exercise their right to vote safely and securely.”

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