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**Statement from Attorney General Nessel and Secretary Benson on suggestion voters attempt to vote twice**

Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson responded today to President Donald Trump's suggestion that voters cast two ballots to stress-test election systems by reminding Michiganders that intentionally voting twice is illegal and will be prosecuted.

"Let me be perfectly clear: voting twice is illegal, no matter who tells you do to it. The president's idea is a great one for people looking to go to jail," said Nessel. "My office will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law anyone who intentionally flouts our election laws."

Voter fraud is typically prosecuted as a felony in the state of Michigan, and bipartisan legislation was introduced in the state legislature this summer that would codify it as a felony offense.

"Our election system has been stress-tested by three successful elections already this year and in all of them proven that it is absolutely safe and secure," said Benson. "We have protections in place to ensure election officials track and verify every ballot they send and receive and in every instance we ensure that each person gets only one vote."

