

Resolution No. 711

The Silver Lake Town Board of Supervisors

Whereas, the Federal Government has passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to improve the elections administration throughout the nation; and

Whereas, HAVA provides funding to individual states for election administration and Minnesota's share is estimated to equal roughly \$39 million; and

Whereas, the Counties, Cities, and Townships in Minnesota are given the authority of providing the election administration on behalf of the State of Minnesota and fund the majority of election costs in Minnesota; and

Whereas, the HAVA law requires the use of an assisted voting technology machine that allows disabled voters to cast their votes in private; and

Whereas, the HAVA law requires that a voter be given the opportunity to correct a spoiled ballot prior to casting and outlines a number of ways a local jurisdiction can meet this requirement; and

Whereas, the federal HAVA funds should be used to meet the federal requirements in an efficient and effective manner that does not obligate any local unit of government to significant on-going capital or operational costs after the federal funds are used; and

Whereas, any bill that appropriates the federal funding should conform to the following criteria:

- (a) Local governments should retain authority over decisions on how to meet the federal requirements the most efficient way in its jurisdiction.
- (b) Purchasing of equipment from vendors who can provide certified equipment should be allowed.
- (c) Federal funds should be made available to all counties for both the purchase of equipment and for the substantial costs in order to operate, store, maintain, train, and program ballots for use with the purchased equipment.

THEREFORE, THE Town Board of Silver Lake Township of Martin County, Minnesota
DOES NOT SUPPORT THE REQUIREMENT THAT EVERY POLLING PLACE IN
MINNESOTA BE

REQUIRED TO UTILIZE PRECINCT-BASED OPTICAL SCAN VOTE TABULATING
EQUIPMENT AS
PROPOSED IN HOUSE FILE 1703.

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