

TOWN of TOFTE
PO Box 2293 Tofte MN 55615

Resolution # 10-2005

Whereas: the Help America Vote Act as passed by the Minnesota Legislature requires, in all elections, the use of election equipment which enables all voters, including those with visual and other handicaps, to vote in privacy and to check whether their ballot has been completed correctly, and

Whereas: the expense of maintaining, programming, and storage of this equipment, and obtaining ballots which will fit this election equipment, are currently unknown, even if grant monies are adequate to purchase the equipment, and

Whereas: Townships hold a local election every year in March, so that the expense of using the election equipment is an annual one, unless the townships use mail-in ballots or change to alternate year November elections, and

Whereas: changing the March election may decrease participation in the Annual Township Meeting, our purest form of democracy, and

Whereas: Township ballots are usually nonpartisan, generally uncomplicated, and not likely to need electronic checking for correctness,

Therefore be it resolved: that the annual March township elections be exempted from the election equipment requirements of the Help America Vote Act.

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The motion to adopt this Resolution # _____ was made at the December 8, 2005 at the Tofte Regular Town Board Meeting by Supervisor Allan Olsen, seconded by Supervisor William Huggins, and approved by all three supervisors.

Tamara Rude, Clerk

Paul James, Chairman