

Resolution to Exempt Local Elections from HAVA Requirements

Whereas, the Federal Government passed the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to accommodate handicap voters in federal elections; and

Whereas the Minnesota Legislature extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state the local election in 2004; and

Whereas, while these are state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assisted voter machines, optical scan vote tabulating equipment, and training and election cost for the 2006 election, this funding will not cover on-going costs to operate, store, maintain, and program the machines as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of and holding accuracy test, and purchasing expensive ballots for the electronic machines; and

Whereas, programming cost along are estimated to be several hundred to over a thousand dollars per election, and where as there may be other additional costs such as additional ballot printing that will significantly increase give a temporary exemption until December 31, 2007;

Whereas, it is cost prohibitive for most townships to use electronic machines for the Annual March Town Election since the per capita cost of using electronic machine would be very high, and because of this, were give a temporary exemption until December 31, 2007;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of Acton, Meeker County request that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates and provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain, and pay for programming costs for the machine for all future elections, including the March Town Elections if not exempted.

The above resolution was passed unanimously by the Acton Township Supervisors at their meeting on December 5, 2005.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Thorp", written in a cursive style.

Richard Thorp
Acton Township, Clerk