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Angora, Minnesota 55703  
November 22, 2005

Office of the State Auditor  
Attention: Mandates  
525 Park Street, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55103

Auditor:

Attached is Resolution No. 4 of Angora Township of St. Louis County,  
Minnesota, dated November 20, 2005.

We wish to appear on record objecting to the mandated provisions as  
proposed in House File 1703.


Sincerely,

  
Patty Alt, Clerk

  
Tom Kahn, Chair

  
Marilyn Plunkett, Treasurer

  
Nathan Plunkett, Supervisor

  
Joanne Bergman, Supervisor

**Resolution No. 4 \***

**The Angora Town Board of Supervisors**

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

Whereas, HAVA provides funding to individual states for the administration of elections, and Minnesota's share is estimated to equal approximately \$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:

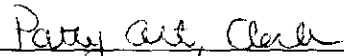
(a) Local governments should retain authority over decisions on how to meet the federal requirements the most efficient way in their respective jurisdiction.

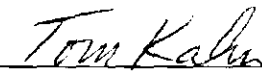
(b) Purchasing of equipment from vendors who can provide certified equipment should be allowed at the local level.

(c) Federal funds should be made available to all counties both for the purchase of equipment and for the substantial costs to operate, store, maintain, train, and to program ballots for use with the purchased equipment.


**THEREFORE, the Town Board of Angora of St. Louis County, Minnesota DOES NOT SUPPORT THE REQUIREMENT THAT EVERY POLLING PLACE IN MINNESOTA BE REQUIRED TO USE PRECINCT-BASED OPTICAL SCAN VOTE TABULATING EQUIPMENT AS PROPOSED IN HOUSE FILE 1703.**


Signed,

  
Patty Alt, Clerk

  
Tom Kahn, Chair

  
Marilyn Plunkett, Treasurer

  
Nathan Plunkett, Supervisor

  
Joanne Bergman, Supervisor

\* This resolution is modeled upon Resolution No. 711 of the Silver Lake Town Board of Martin County, Minnesota.