

**\*\*\* RESOLUTION NO. 06 -033 \*\*\***

BY COMMISSIONER: Aanerud

ADOPTED: March 14, 2006

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to accommodate handicapped voters in federal elections and the 2004 Minnesota legislature extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state and local elections; and

WHEREAS, there are state and federal funds available to assist with the purchase of assisted voter technology machines, optical scan vote tabulating equipment, and the associated training and maintenance costs for this equipment for the 2006 federal/state elections; and

WHEREAS, this funding will not cover on going costs to operate, store, maintain, and program the equipment as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of, holding accuracy tests, and the purchase of more expensive ballots necessary to be used with the electronic voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is cost prohibitive for most counties, schools, cities and townships to use the electronic voting equipment in conjunction with their local county, municipal and school elections .

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the State of Minnesota exempt local county, school, city and township elections from the HAVA mandates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does also request that the State provide continued financial support for the on going costs to operate, store, maintain, and program the equipment as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of, holding accuracy tests, and the purchase of more expensive ballots necessary to be used with the electronic voting equipment in conjunction with the equipment usage for federal and state elections.

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Upon motion by Pihlman, seconded by Aanerud, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Yea votes: Aanerud, Brenner, Liupakka, Pihlman, and Tan

Nay votes: None

Absent: None

I, Paul G. Gassert, Auditor of the County of Carlton, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 14th day of March, 2006. and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE in Carlton, Minnesota, this 14th day of March, 2006.

Paul G. Gassert  
Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer