

**RESOLUTION SEEKING WAIVER FROM ELECTRONIC VOTING REQUIREMENTS**  
**Crow Wing Lake Township Resolution 12-01-05**

**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 national elections; and**

**WHEREAS; the Counties, Cities and Townships in Minnesota are given the authority of providing the election administration on behalf of the State; and**

**WHEREAS; the HAVA ACT requires the use of an assisted voting technology machine that allows disabled voters to cast their votes in private and 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, especially precincts/townships with 300 or less registered voters, to significant on-going capital or operational costs after the federal funds are exhausted; and**

**WHEREAS; the HAVA ACT will cause hardships to voters in precincts/townships with 300 or less registered voters to participate in elections because of travel distance due to combining of precincts/townships; and**

**WHEREAS; the town hall is not heated continuously, causing potential harm or damage to the voting and counting machines and requires transporting them 25 miles one-way from the Park Rapids Courthouse where they will be stored; and**

**WHEREAS; Crow Wing Lake Township local elections average less than Thirty (30) votes and State elections less than Two Hundred (200) votes; and**

**WHEREAS; the estimated costs of programming alone may exceed One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for a Township election; and**


**WHEREAS; the cost may exceed Fifty Dollars ( \$ 50.00) per vote cast;**

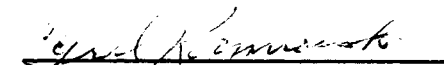
**THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED, That the Crow Wing Lake Township Board requests that**


- a) precincts/townships of 300 or less registered voters be exempt from the assisted or electronic voting technology requirements for Township, County and State elections,**
- b) be allowed to hand count the votes followed by electronic scanning at the County Auditor's Office,**
- c) and that Townships be allowed to continue March elections, followed by the annual meeting, with the township preparing the ballots.**

  
John Naylor - Chairman

  
James Fox - Supervisor

  
Gerald Forsberg - Clerk

  
Cyril Kamrowski - Supervisor

  
Nancy Fox - Treasurer