

Feeley Township

Warba, Minnesota 55793

RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT LOCAL ELECTIONS FROM HAVA REQUIREMENTS

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

WHEREAS, while there are state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assisted voter machines, optical scan tabulating equipment, training and election costs 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 tests and purchasing expensive ballots for the electronic machines; and

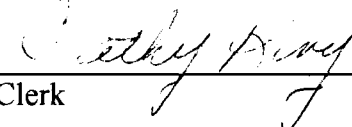
WHEREAS, programming costs alone are estimated to be several hundred to over a thousand dollars per election, and whereas there may be other additional costs such as additional ballot printing that will significantly increase the expense for conducting elections; and

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

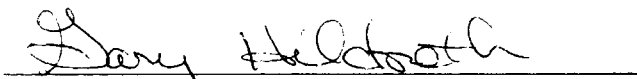
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Feeley, Itasca County requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates or provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain and pay for programming costs for all machines for all future elections, including the March Town Election, if not exempted.

Adopted the 12th day of January, 2006


Town Chair

Attest: 
Town Clerk


Supervisor


Supervisor