

Town of Florida
Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota


Resolution to exempt annual Township Elections from Mandated
use of Assistive Voting and Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 to improve the administration of elections throughout the nation by the use of assistive voting equipment and optical scan tabulating equipment; and
WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has adopted the federal guidelines to extend to the state and local elections, and
WHEREAS, HAVA will provide initial federal and state funding for the purchase, maintenance and storage of required voting equipment, training of election officials, and programming of ballots; and
WHEREAS, funding for annual township elections is not addressed by HAVA thus putting an undue financial burden on the townships to comply with the use of the required voting equipment; and
WHEREAS, townships should be allowed to retain the authority to effectively administer their annual township election process,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Florida Requests the annual township elections be exempt from the State-mandated use of the assistive voting equipment and optical tabulating equipment.

Approved by the Florida Town Board this 14th day of March 2006.

Attest:


Curtis A. Melby
Town Clerk


Richard VanDerostyne
Supervisor


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Board Chairperson

Robert Larsen
Supervisor