

Resolution # 15

Hodges Township Board of Supervisors
Stevens County, Minnesota

Whereas, Sec. 3.(6.79) (STATE MANDATES.) a county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the state auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate. The state auditor must list on the state auditor's Web site a list of all state mandates cited in a resolution under this section, and the name of the unit of local government citing the mandate.

Whereas, local governments should retain authority over decisions based on their location and number of registered voters.

Whereas, local government should be able to make the decision of what is the most cost efficient election process for their township.

Whereas, Hodges Township would like to have it known that their local election held on the second Tuesday with their annual meeting, has a cost of \$440.00 total for four election judges and a cost of \$5.00 to the local printer for ballots.

Whereas, the HAVA grant will cover the first year or two with machines, training and for a short time programming. But after the grant is gone, the estimate cost of programming is \$600.00 for each election.

Whereas, Hodges Township has three school districts in their precinct meaning Hodges would have three separate voting chips when there are local school board elections. Federal and State election programming could be shared by more than one township, but with local elections added, this puts all the cost on each township.

Whereas, The state mandating election machines for all federal, state and local elections puts a great hardship on our budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of Hodges Township, Stevens County, Minnesota does hereby has request to waiver from the mandate of holding local election on voting machines as proposed in House File 1703.

Adopted this 17th day November, 2005

Supervisor *Ervin Anderson*
Supervisor *Jerry Jan*
Supervisor *Ervin Anderson*

Yes No Other

✓ *✓* *✓*

Attest: *Michele Greiner*
Hodges Township Clerk/Treas
Michele Greiner

Ervin Anderson
Hodges Township Chairman