

RESOLUTION

LAKE HATTIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 election administration; and

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

WHEREAS, the HAVA law 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 200 or less registered voters, to significant on-going capital or operational costs after the federal funds are used; and

WHEREAS, the HAVA law will cause hardships to voters in precincts/townships with 200 or less registered voters to participate in the elections because of travel distance due to combining precincts/townships; and

WHEREAS, the township hall is not heated continuously, causing potential harm or damage to the voting and counting machines and requires transporting them 30 miles one-way from the Park Rapids Courthouse where they will be stored; and

WHEREAS, the voting and counting machines are heavy and cumbersome, and need an accomodating vehicle for the Clerks to transport them; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota should adopt the following criteria:

- (a) precincts/townships with 200 or less registered voters should be exempt from the assisted or electronic voting technology
- (b) that hand counting followed by electronic scanning at the County Auditor's Office be allowed to precincts/townships with 200 or less registered voters,
- (c) that townships with 200 or less registered voters be allowed to continue township elections in March with the township preparing the ballots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE LAKE HATTIE TOWNSHIP BOARD requests that precincts/townships of 200 or less registered voters be exempt from the assisted or electronic voting technology requirement, be allowed to hand count the votes followed by electronic scanning at the County Auditor's Office, and that townships be allowed to continue March elections, followed by their annual meeting, with the township preparing the ballots.

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