

Wilmington Township, Houston County, Minnesota

Resolution to Exempt Local Elections From HAVA Requirements and Provide On-Going Funding for Elections

Whereas, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to accommodate handicapped voters in federal elections, and the Minnesota Legislature extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state and local elections in 2004, and

Whereas, while there are state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assisted voter machines, optical scan vote tabulating equipment, and training and election costs for the 2006 election, this funding will not cover on-going costs to operate, store, maintain, and program the machines or 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 electronic machines for the Annual March Town Elections since the per capita cost of using electronic machines would be very high, and because of this, were given a temporary exemption until December 31, 2007;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of Wilmington Township, Houston County, requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates, and furthermore;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the state provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain, and pay for the programming costs for the machines for **all future** elections, including the March Town Elections if not exempted.

Recorded votes of the Township Supervisors on this Resolution:

	Yes	No	Other
Supervisor: <u>Kenny Privet</u> Kenny Privet	<u>X</u>	___	___
Supervisor: <u>Greg Myhre</u> Greg Myhre	<u>X</u>	___	___
Supervisor: <u>Kenneth H. Meyer</u> Kenneth Meyer	<u>X</u>	___	___

Adopted this 23rd day of February, 2006

Attested by: Julie A. Amundson
Town Clerk