

RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT LOCAL ELECTIONS FROM HAVA REQUIREMENTS

WISCOY 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, the Minnesota legislature extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state the local election in 2004; and

WHEREAS, while these are state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assisted voter machines, optical scan vote tabulation 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 as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of and holding accuracy tests and purchasing expensive ballots for the electronic machines for township elections; and

WHEREAS, programming costs alone are estimated to be several hundred to over a thousand dollars per election; and

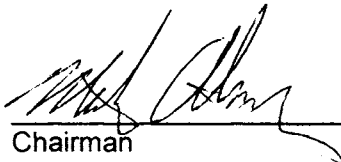
WHEREAS, there may be other additional costs such as additional ballot printing that will significantly increase the costs of the Annual March Town Election that townships be exempt from using the assisted voter machines and optical scan vote tabulation equipment for the Annual March Town Election; and

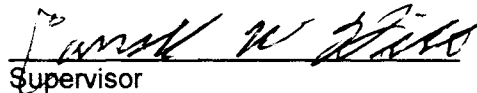
WHEREAS, it is cost prohibitive for most townships to use electronic machines for the Annual March Town Election since the per capita cost of using electronic machines would be very high, and because of this we are asking for a permanent exemption from using the assisted voter machines and the optical scan vote tabulation equipment for the Annual March Town Election; and

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

- (a) townships with 500 or less registered voters should be exempt from using the assisted voter machines and optical scan vote tabulation equipment,
- (b) that townships with 500 or less registered voters should be allowed to continue township elections in March with the township preparing the ballots,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE WISCOY TOWNSHIP BOARD requests that precincts/townships of 500 or less registered voters be exempt from using the assisted voter machines and the optical scan vote tabulation equipment for the Annual March Town Election, that townships be allowed to continue March elections followed by their annual meeting with the township preparing the ballots.


Chairman


Supervisor


Attest: Clerk Wiscoy Township


Supervisor

1-18-06
Date