

RESOLUTION #05-17

HAVA MANDATE REFORM INITIATIVE

WHERE AS, the Federal government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to accommodate handicap voters in federal elections; and

WHERE AS, the Minnesota Legislature extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state and local elections in 2004; and

WHERE AS, while there are state and federal funds available to purchase 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 as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of and holding accuracy tests, and purchasing expensive ballots for the electronic machines, and

WHERE AS, it is cost prohibitive for most townships to use electronic machines for eh 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 Krain, Stearns County, requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates and provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain and pay for programming costs for the machines for all future elections, including the March Town Elections, if not exempted.

Adopted this 23 day of November, 2005

Scott Laing  
Supervisor

Don Stiller  
Supervisor

Don Tembreull  
Chairman

Attest: Sandra Meer  
Clerk