

**TOWN OF BIG LAKE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-20**

**Resolution to Exempt Local Elections from HAVA Requirements**

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

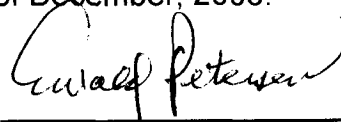
**WHEREAS**, while there are state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assisted voter machines, optical scan vote tabulating equipment, and training and election costs for the 2006 election, this funding will not cover on-going costs to operate, store, maintain, and program the machines as well as 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;

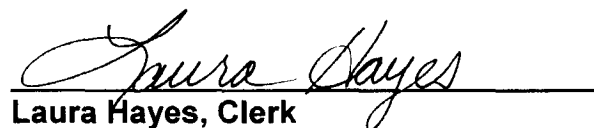
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Big Lake, Sherburne County requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates and provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain, and pay for programming costs for the machines for all future elections, including the March Town Elections if not exempted.

Adopted by the Town of Big Lake this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.



**Ewald Petersen, Chairman**

Attest:

  
**Laura Hayes, Clerk**

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Quinn, seconded by Supervisor Alford. After discussion thereof and upon a vote taken thereon, the following number of supervisors voted in favor 5; against 0; abstained 0 whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SS  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE

On this 14th day of December, 2005 before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County, personally appeared Ewald Petersen and Laura Hayes, to me personally known, being each duly sworn, did say that they are respectfully the Chairman of the Board and Town Clerk, of the Town of Big Lake, the municipal Township named in the foregoing instrument, was signed and sealed on behalf of said Township authority of its Town Board and they acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said municipal Township.

Kenneth O. Warnke  
NOTARY PUBLIC

SEAL

