

AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1

RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS  
FROM MANDATED USE OF ASSISTIVE VOTING AND  
OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) OF 2002 to improve the administration of elections throughout the nation by the use of assistive voting equipment and optical scan tabulating equipment, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has adopted the federal guidelines to extend to state and local elections, and

WHEREAS, HAVA will provide initial federal and state funding for the purchase, maintenance, and storage of required voting equipment, training of election officials, and programming of ballots; and

WHEREAS, funding for annual township elections is not addressed by HAVA thus putting an undue financial burden on the townships to comply with the of the required voting equipment, and

WHEREAS, townships should be allowed to retain the authority to effectively administer their annual township elections process, and

WHEREAS, Idun Township has had as few as 7 ballots cast at our annual township election, making the potential cost per ballot over \$100 apiece,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOOLVED that the Town Board of Idun requests the annual township elections be exempt from the state-mandated use of assistive voting equipment and optical scan tabulating equipment.

TOWN OF IDUN

Approved by the Board of the Town of Idun this 13th day of February, 2006.

Attest:

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Maureen Switzer, Clerk

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Allen Johnson, Chairman

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Stanley Mickelson, Supervisor

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Chad Hummel, Supervisor