

**Resolution
For Posting on State Auditor's Web
As per Mandate Reform Initiative**


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

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

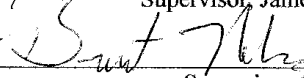
Whereas, while there are state and federal funds available to purchase assisted voter machines, optical scan vote tabulating equipment, and training and election costs for the 2006 election, this funding will not cover on-going costs to operate, store, maintain, and program the machines as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of and holding accuracy tests, and purchasing expensive ballots for the electronic machines; and

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;

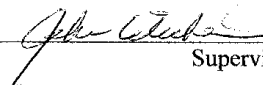
Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of Maine Prairie, Stearns County requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates and provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain, and pay for programming costs for the machines for all future elections, including the March Town Elections if not exempted.




Supervisor, James Unterberger



Supervisor, Brent Nehring



Supervisor, John Wicker



Date

Attest:



Terre Harff
Maine Prairie Township Clerk/Treasurer