

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 voters with disabilities in the federal elections and the Minnesota Legislature extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state and local elections in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assistive voting systems, optical scan tabulating machines and operating costs for the 2006 election will not cover the on-going costs to operate, store, maintain and program the machines as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices, 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 there may be other additional costs such as additional ballot printing that will significantly increase the expense of conducting elections; and

WHEREAS, it is cost prohibitive for most townships to use the electronic machines for the Annual Town Elections since the per capita cost of using the machines is very high, and because of this, we are given a temporary exemption until December 31, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Normania Township, Yellow Medicine County requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates and provide on-going funding to cover the costs to operate, store, maintain and program the machines for all future elections, including the Annual Town Elections if not exempted.

Dated 3-24-00

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Attest: Janet A. Carlson
Clerk