

Compliance with federal Help America Vote Act	Chapter 293, 2004 Session laws	Cities are required to comply with HAVA voter registration, absentee voting, military and overseas voter record reporting procedures as well as with assisted voting equipment requirements. Cities that administer absentee voting are to be open extended hours the day before election. The City does not oppose the intent of the mandate, but rather objects if it is unfunded or underfunded.
Conduct of Elections	M.S. 205	State requirements determine when and how cities conduct elections. These laws apply to regular and special elections, the timing of the elections, publication and posting of the election, the hours that polls are open, the number and salaries of election judges, state-certified voting equipment, time lines for testing of equipment, preparation of ballots, absentee ballot procedures, location of polling places, and same-day voter registration. Although all requirements are from the State, no reimbursement is made for costs incurred. The City does not oppose the intent of the mandate, but rather objects if it is unfunded or underfunded.
Election judges	M.S. 204B.22	Head election judge must be present in the polling place all day; other judges may serve shifts. Head election judges must obtain additional training. Required party designation and other requirements for election judges make it difficult to obtain judges. The City does not oppose the intent of the mandate, but rather objects if it is unfunded or underfunded.

Recounts	M.S. 204C.35	State law imposes requirements on when automatic recounts must be conducted. The City does not oppose the intent of the mandate, but rather objects if it is unfunded or underfunded.
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