

**CERTIFIED OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

Required for Accessible Voting Equipment Reimbursement (\$1,230,000)

Date Enacted: 9-13-05

Resolution No. 17-1

RESOLVED, that the Sangamon County Board (hereafter "Board") hereby takes the following actions:

1. The "Board" agrees to apply for and accept funds being held by the Illinois State Board of Elections, which funds were furnished by the United States Government under the provisions of the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") for the purchase of new accessible voting equipment certified by the State Board of Elections and in compliance with HAVA requirements.

2. The "Board" agrees to take such action as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the State Board of Elections for the release of such HAVA funds by supplying the State Board of Elections detailed descriptions of equipment to be purchased, providing full information about payment amounts and other cost information for such equipment, and upon receipt of such HAVA funds, the "Board" agrees to forward payment to its vendor no later than 30 days following receipt of assistance payment from the State Board of Elections or by the due date indicated on contract, whichever is earlier, as required by federal cash management statutes. The "Board" agrees to forward a copy of the check paid to the vendor and a copy of a paid invoice from the vendor to the SBE within 30 days of paying its vendor.

3. The "Board" agrees to take such action as necessary to be certain that the new voting equipment is fully consistent and in compliance with the requirements of the laws described in Section 906 of the Help America Vote Act (Attachment A), and will meet the voting system's standards adopted by the Federal Election Commission in May of 2002, and will meet the requirements of Title III Section 301 (a)(3) by January 1, 2006 (Attachment B).

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Sangamon County Clerk

4. The "Board" understands and agrees that equipment purchased by the said jurisdiction from HAVA funds shall become the property of the jurisdiction, not the State of Illinois. It understands and agrees that all property control and custody responsibilities will be assumed by the "Board."

5. The "Board" further agrees that future costs related to equipment and/or upgrades now being furnished with HAVA assistance (for example: maintenance, repairs, software, upgrades, etc.) are and shall be the sole responsibility of the "Board" and understands that the State of Illinois assumes no liability for HAVA-mandated upgrades of the local jurisdictions.

6. The "Board" agrees to indemnify and hold the State Board of Elections harmless against claims brought against it by the Election Assistance Commission, or other agency of the state or federal government, for reimbursement of any monies advanced under the HAVA to this "Board" in the event the "Board" is found guilty of misapplication, misuse or misappropriation of HAVA funds received from the State Board of Elections. Indemnification shall include but not be limited to attorney's fees, fines, penalties, and other associated costs of litigation. The "Board" specifically agrees that in the event of any claim of misapplication, misuse or misappropriation of the funds and demand for reimbursement against this "Board", this "Board" agrees that the State Board of Elections may conduct an audit of the application of the funds received from the State Board of Elections in order to determine whether such funds have actually been misapplied or misappropriated.

7. The "Board" authorizes Joe Aiello, Sangamon County Clerk or other designated official, to act as the agent for the "Board" in preparing and executing all applications and other documents required by the State Board of Elections for the purchase of HAVA approved and SBE certified accessible voting equipment, and the "Board" authorizes him to take such action as may be necessary or desirable as requested by the State Board of Elections to effectuate

the full purposes of this Resolution, including but not limited to the indemnities provided in this Resolution. He is further authorized to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to any agency of government which may request it, certifying that this Resolution was presented and approved according to law at a duly constituted meeting of this "Board."

The vote was:

AYES 26  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 2

APPROVED BY:

F. Van Meter 9/13/65  
Chairman Date

ATTESTED BY:

Joe Aiello 9-13-05  
Secretary Date

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Attachment A

**SEC. 906. NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

(a) In General.--Except as specifically provided in section 303(b) of this Act with regard to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg et seq.), nothing in this Act may be construed to authorize or require conduct prohibited under any of the following laws, or to supersede, restrict, or limit the application of such laws:

(1) The Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).

(2) The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ee et seq.).

(3) The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff et seq.).

(4) The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg et seq.).

(5) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

(6) The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.).

(b) No Effect on Preclearance or Other Requirements Under Voting Rights Act.--The approval by the Administrator or the Commission of a payment or grant application under title I or title II, or any other action taken by the Commission or a State under such title, shall not be considered to have any effect on requirements for preclearance under section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973c) or any other requirements of such Act.

ATTACHMENT B

**SEC. 301. VOTING SYSTEMS STANDARDS.**

(a) Requirements.--Each voting system used in an election for Federal office shall meet the following requirements:

(1) In general.--

(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the voting system (including any lever voting system, optical scanning voting system, or direct recording electronic system) shall--

(i) permit the voter to verify (in a private and independent manner) the votes selected by the voter on the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted;

(ii) provide the voter with the opportunity in a private and independent manner) to change the ballot or correct any error before the ballot is cast and counted (including the opportunity to correct the error through the issuance of a replacement ballot if the voter was otherwise unable to change the ballot or correct any error); and

(iii) if the voter selects votes for more than one candidate for a single office--

(I) notify the voter that the voter has selected more than one candidate for a single office on the ballot;

(II) notify the voter before the ballot is cast and counted of the effect of casting multiple votes for the office; and

(III) provide the voter with the opportunity to correct the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted.

(B) A State or jurisdiction that uses a paper ballot voting system, a punch card voting system, or a central count voting system (including mail-in absentee ballots and mail-in ballots), may meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)(iii) by--

(i) establishing a voter education program specific to that voting system that notifies each voter of the effect of casting multiple votes for an office; and

(ii) providing the voter with instructions on how to correct the ballot before it is cast and counted (including instructions on how to correct the error through the issuance of a replacement ballot if the voter was otherwise unable to change the ballot or correct any error).

C) The voting system shall ensure that any notification required under this paragraph preserves the privacy of the voter and the confidentiality of the ballot.

(2) Audit capacity.--

(A) In general.--The voting system shall produce a record with an audit capacity for such system.

(B) Manual audit capacity.--

(i) The voting system shall produce a permanent paper record with a manual audit capacity for such system.

(ii) The voting system shall provide the voter with an opportunity to change the ballot or correct any error before the permanent paper record is produced.

(iii) The paper record produced under subparagraph (A) shall be available as an official record for any recount conducted with respect to any election in which the system is used.

(3) Accessibility for individuals with disabilities.--The voting system shall--

(A) be accessible for individuals with disabilities, including nonvisual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) as for other voters;

(B) satisfy the requirement of subparagraph (A) through the use of at least one direct recording electronic voting system or other voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities at each polling place; and

(C) if purchased with funds made available under title II on or after January 1, 2007, meet the voting system standards for disability access (as outlined in this paragraph).

(4) Alternative language accessibility.--The voting system shall provide alternative language accessibility pursuant to the requirements of section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973aa-1a).

(5) Error rates.--The error rate of the voting system in counting ballots (determined by taking into account only those errors which are attributable to the voting system and not attributable to an act of the voter) shall comply with the error rate standards established under section 3.2.1 of the voting systems standards issued by the Federal Election Commission which are in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(6) Uniform definition of what constitutes a vote.--Each State shall adopt uniform and nondiscriminatory standards that define what constitutes a vote and what will be counted as a vote for each category of voting system used in the State.

(b) Voting System Defined.--In this section, the term "voting system" means--

(1) the total combination of mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic equipment (including the software, firmware, and documentation required to program, control, and support the equipment) that is used--

- (A) to define ballots;
- (B) to cast and count votes;
- (C) to report or display election results; and
- (D) to maintain and produce any audit trail information; and

(2) the practices and associated documentation used--

- (A) to identify system components and versions of such components;
- (B) to test the system during its development and maintenance;
- (C) to maintain records of system errors and defects;

(D) to determine specific system changes to be made to a system after the initial qualification of the system; and

(E) to make available any materials to the voter (such as notices, instructions, forms, or paper ballots).

(c) Construction.--

(1) In general.--Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a State or jurisdiction which used a particular type of voting system in the elections for Federal office held in November 2000 from using the same type of system after the effective date of this section, so long as the system meets or is modified to meet the requirements of this section.

(2) Protection of paper ballot voting systems.--For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(A)(i), the term "verify" may not be defined in a manner that makes it impossible for a paper ballot voting system to meet the requirements of such subsection or to be modified to meet such requirements.

(d) Effective Date.--Each State and jurisdiction shall be required to comply with the requirements of this section on and after January 1, 2006.