

RESOLUTION NO. N/A

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Florida Legislature voted to make Florida a "Paper Ballot" state; and

WHEREAS, this required all counties to purchase and deploy an ADA optical scan (paper) system, of which there is currently only one state certified system which meets this requirement - the AutoMark; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 2002 Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Taylor County purchased upgrades to their tabulation system which included 15 Accu-Vote TSX Ballot Stations (touch screens) at a cost of over \$62,500 to comply with this legislation; and

WHEREAS, the 63 counties that use touch screens to comply with HAVA, will now be required to purchase the AutoMark or other similar certified system; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Association of Supervisor of Elections (FSASE) has conducted a survey of the counties required to make the voting system change, and it is estimated that the cost will be in excess of \$35 million, which does not include the existing debt that many counties have incurred as a result of voting equipment changes made during this decade; and

WHEREAS, this voting system change will cost Taylor County taxpayers over \$116,000 to be paid over several budget cycles; and

WHEREAS, the disability community and many professional associations have joined the FSASE in adopting the association's "Position Paper" which supports the extension of this requirement to be delayed from 2012 until 2016 due to the economic pressures on the Boards of County Commissioners around the state, the operational impact to Supervisor of Elections' budgets, and the fact that new technology has not been developed to allow any persons with any disability to vote independently; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Taylor County, Florida does hereby wish to adopt the FSASE "Position Paper" to delay the requirement to purchase the AutoMark voting system until 2016.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners, Taylor County, Florida this 2nd day of November, 2009.

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