



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 11.

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 21, 2012

**REQUESTED BY:** Elections Board Association of North Carolina

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution to Support the Election Boards Association of North Carolina Request that HAVA Funds be Included in This Year's Budgets and that said Funds be Provided to the State Board of Elections for the Counties to Improve the Elections Process.

**BACKGROUND:** At the Election Boards Association of NC (EBANC) meeting in Durham on April 4, 2012, the membership approved a resolution on the maintenance of effort for the release of HAVA funds and the resolution was sent to the Honorable Governor Beverly Perdue and to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly. EBANC has requested that each Board of County Commissioners approve and send a similar resolution to the Governor and to the members of the North Carolina Assembly.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To adopt a resolution approving the attached resolution supporting the Election Boards Association of North Carolina request that HAVA funds be included in this year's budgets and that said funds be provided to the State Board of Elections for the counties to improve the Elections Process.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully recommend approval.

  
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**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached resolution entitled "Resolution to Support the Election Boards Association of North Carolina Request that HAVA Funds be Included in This Year's Budgets and that said Funds be Provided to the State Board of Elections for the Counties to Improve the Elections Process."

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS \_\_\_\_\_

YEA VOTES: Brown \_\_\_ Tate \_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_ Williams \_\_\_

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George R. Brown, Chairman 5/21/12  
Date

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ATTEST 5/21/12  
Date



**RESOLUTION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT THE ELECTION BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA REQUEST THAT HAVA FUNDS BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGETS, AND THAT SAID FUNDS BE PROVIDED TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNTIES TO IMPROVE THE ELECTIONS PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Election Boards Association of North Carolina met on April 4, 2012 and requested that an appropriation be included in the Governor's budget and in the General Assembly's budget to meet the "maintenance of effort" requirements for the release of HAVA fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAVA funds are vital to county budgets to administer elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAVA funds are needed to maintain voting equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAVA funds are needed to be used as operational funds to operate absentee voting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pender County Board of Commissioners supports the Election Boards Association of North Carolina request to the Honorable Governor Beverly Perdue and members of the North Carolina General Assembly that the HAVA funds be included in this year's budgets and that said funds be provided to the State Board of Elections for the counties to improve the elections process.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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George R. Brown, Chairman

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Mickey Duvall, Clerk to the Board

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ELECTION BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1525 Ben F. Herring Road (mailing address)  
La Grange, NC 28551-7249  
April 17, 2012

TO: County Managers:

At the Election Boards Association of NC (EBANC) meeting in Durham on April 4, 2012 the EBANC membership approved a resolution on the **maintenance of effort** for the release of HAVA funds and the resolution was sent to the Honorable Governor Beverly Perdue and to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

The state requirement to receive the *maintenance of effort* HAVA funds is a state match. The match by the NC General Assembly is \$650,000 in order for the State of North Carolina to receive the \$4 million in *maintenance of efforts* HAVA funds. The counties and the quality of elections will suffer if the state match is not in the Governor's and the General Assembly's budget. The \$4 million on the *maintenance of effort* HAVA funds for North Carolina will be reverted back to the federal government if not used.

I have been directed by the members of the Election Boards Association of North Carolina to request that each Board of County Commissioners approve and send a similar resolution to Governor Perdue and to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly about the **maintenance of effort** requirement for the release of the HAVA funds.

Sincerely,

*Jack R. Hudson*, President  
Election Boards Association of NC  
828-883-8828

*Oscar E. Herring*, Secretary  
Election Boards Association of NC  
252-521-1098

Attachment  
Resolution on HAVA Funds

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
ELECTION BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA  
TO THE  
HONORABLE GOVERNOR BEVERLY PERDUE  
AND  
MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Election Boards Association of North Carolina met on April 4, 2012 and request that an appropriation be included in the Governor's budget and in the General Assembly 's budget to meet the "maintenance of effort" requirement for the release of HAVA funds; and

**WHEREAS:**

- A. the HAVA funds are vital to county budgets to administer elections; and
- B. the HAVA funds are needed to maintain voting equipment; and
- C. the HAVA funds are needed to be used as operational funds to operate absentee voting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Election Boards Association of North Carolina request that the HAVA funds be included in this year's budgets and that said funds be provided to the State Board of Elections for the counties to improve the elections process.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

*Jack R Hudson*  
Jack R. Hudson (Transylvania County)  
President

**ATTEST**

*Oscar E Herring*  
Oscar E. Herring (Lenoir County)  
Secretary