

Resolution No. 260

Supervisor JAMES CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUED USE OF
LEVER VOTING MACHINES IN NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, for decades, mechanical lever-style voting machines have been used throughout New York State with very few problems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the NYS Board of Elections has mandated counties to purchase electronic voting machines; and

WHEREAS, the County has already augmented the lever voting machine with handicap accessible ballot marking devices, which satisfies HAVA requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State mandate to convert entirely to an optical scanner system will be extremely expensive to maintain, at County cost; and

WHEREAS, converting to a system whereby a large majority of voters will vote on electronic-type voting machines rather than time-tested lever voting machines has the potential to harm the integrity of the voting process in New York State; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the State Legislature and NYS Board of Elections to authorize continued use of lever voting machines in New York State, supplemented by electronic ballot marking devices (BMD); and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Board of Elections, Governor David Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith, Senator Hugh Farley, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assemblyman Marc Butler, NYS Board of Elections, NYS Association of Towns, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board and to each and every other person, institution or agency who will further the purport of this Resolution.


Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF FULTON }^{ss:}

I, Jon R. Stead, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 8th day of JUNE 2009, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal
this 8th day of JUNE 2009.


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County