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STEARNS COUNTY

Press Release

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New HAVA Compliant Device In Use for 2025 Special Election

Randy Schreifels, Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer, announces that Stearns County residents will have a new piece of equipment in the absentee polling location and Election Day polling place for the ISD748 Special Election. This new piece of equipment is the ES&S Express Vote which is a HAVA compliant ballot marking device. This will give voters with disabilities the ability to mark their ballots independently and privately. The Express Vote is fully accessible, providing magnification for voters with visual impairments and compatible with other assistive technology, headphones, tactile buttons, and sip-and-puff device.

The following locations will use the Express Vote during the absentee/direct voting period December 27th – February 10th and Election Day on February 11th.

Sartell District Office – absentee location
212 3rd Ave N
Sartell MN 56377

Sartell City Hall
125 Pinecone Rd N
Sartell MN 56377

Celebration Lutheran
1500 Pinecone Rd N
Sartell MN 56377

St Stephen City Hall
2-6th Ave SE
St Stephen MN 56375

If voters are interested in viewing the assistive voting device prior to Election Day, a demonstration ballot marking machine will be on display beginning on December 10th – February 10th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Stearns County Service Center at 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.

If you have any questions, please contact the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer's Election office at 320-656-3920, or email elections@stearnscountymn.gov

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