

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

First, to that “anonymous” person that called the Secretary of State claiming I said in my previous column I planned to violate the election code, I fully understand the Texas Election Code Sections 61.001 and 61.003. I will be in full compliance with the law. In fact, since I am under attack I will exceed full compliance. I will take extreme caution. To my friends you may rest assured I am acting legally and properly. If I see a candidate loitering and talking to people in line I will be using my phone to video these people. If I document violations I will forward them to the Sheriff. I can stand out at the 100 ft marker and do that. We also had a previous election where a candidate had a sign inside of the 100 ft marker and when informed refused to remove it. We have since passed a law for the county polling stations where the county can enforce the rule. And we will be. I am highly offended by the distorted use of my last column statement. All I was trying to say was I wanted to make sure these new voting machines are successful. But I understand and regret the vitriol that these elections stir up. My goal will be to turn this negative into a positive action.

The new machines are doing well. **The compliments are pouring in. This new machine is so easy to use. It is already showing to be a huge success.** The ratio is about 70% new machines and 30% manual ballots, a very big increase over the old electronics. Voter numbers are way up and response to the added early voting station near Lytle at JP2 is doing very well.

Second, I still see people emailing and Facebooking about me trying to suppress voters. Our initial huge voter response dispels that uninformed notion. I swear they have been watching too much cable TV. Does that mean they think their voters are not capable of using the electronic voting? Really? All a voter has to do is ask for help. I have a lot more confidence in our voters than these nattering nabobs of negativism do.

As I said before, it saddens me for people to act like this. Making salacious accusations on Facebook and saying ugly things by email are not productive for anybody.

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.