

Burnet County Voters Deserve New Voting Machines

To: The Honorable James Oakley, Burnet County Judge, and The Honorable Jim Luther, Jr., The Honorable Damon Beierle, The Honorable Billy Wall, and The Honorable Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County Commissioners:

Good morning, Judge Oakley and County Commissioners:

Burnet County, Texas has more than 30,000 registered voters, whose participation in elections is consistently well above average. For example, in the 2018 general election, 61% of our registered voters voted, but only 46% of all eligible Texans voted. In 2016, 67% of Burnet County's potential voters voted, compared to a statewide rate of 42.6%.

Burnet County uses the Hart InterCivic eSlate paperless voting machines, developed in the late 1990s and patented in 2001. In the nearly two decades that the eSlate has been in use, various issues have arisen about the machines. The Hart machines have a life expectancy of 8 years. Being purchased 12 years ago and because of glitches and repairs, Lampasas has bought new ES&S machines. Dallas and Travis counties have bought ES&S and Llano has bought Hart touch screens with paper ballots. Lampasas gave the old Hart machines to Burnet County because they could not sell them. Doug Ferguson, brought the best ones back from Lampasas. We will continue to have problems with the machines and we will lose the support of Hart because the machines are getting so old.

Complaints include that the old Hart machine does not have a touch screen, that it does not have a paper trail so it cannot be audited, and that it is vulnerable to hacking. Even if some complaints about the machines have been unfounded, the publicity and growing concerns about ballot security lead voters to feel insecure about their votes. As voters become less confident that their vote will be counted, they become less willing to vote.

All surrounding counties are finding funds to buy new machines. Lampasas spent \$185,000, according to Mark Bishop, Lampasas County Elections Administrator. Burnet is a larger county but he estimated right now the ES & S machines could probably be bought for approximately \$500,000. It is not if but when the new paper ballot machines will be required. The price at that time will go up. It would save Burnet County Dollars if we purchased them soon. Mr. Bishop felt that the ES & S machines were 3 times better in price and ease of use, over the Hart paper ballot machine.

Because Burnet County's voters are "good voters" we believe that they deserve the best, most secure voting machines available, and respectfully request that the Burnet County Commissioners' Court authorize the purchase of a voting system with a verifiable paper trail before the general election in November, 2020. With all the evidence coming to light about other nations' efforts to interfere with our elections, we need to make every effort to make sure our elections are secure. Burnet County needs to make it a priority to safeguard our democracy.

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Marti Pogue
Burnet County Democratic Chair
and signed residents of Burnet County petition attached

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