

Public Service Announcement from Jim Wells County Elections

With the upcoming November 5th General Election on the horizon, the amount of misinformation being circulated on social media regarding the election process has come to the attention of our office. Please be diligent and thorough before sharing information despite how trusted you feel the source may be. Our office asks that you do your due diligence and please verify that the information you are sharing is correct. You can do this by 1) contacting your local Elections Office at 361-668-5711, or 2) contacting the Texas Secretary of State at 800-252-8683. Both are familiar with the Election laws in Texas and can verify that the information being shared is correct.

An excellent example of prevalent MISINFORMATION concerning the voting process at polling locations is:

“Voters should ask for a new ballot if there are markings (Judge's Signature/ Initials) on the ballot the voter obtains”

This specific piece of MISINFORMATION has no basis and contradicts the Texas Election Code. Please see the Texas Election Code Statutes listed below that pertain to the Requirement of Texas Election Judges to sign or initial each ballot voted on.

Thank You,

Richard Guerra

Jim Wells County Elections Administrator

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(b)The judge shall sign each ballot or an election officer shall stamp a facsimile of the judge's signature on each ballot.

(c)The signing of ballots need not be completed before the polls open, but an unsigned ballot may not be made available for selection by the voters.

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