

***** Gaines County Procedures for Voters with Disabilities *****

In an effort to provide voters with disabilities easier access to voting, Gaines County is constantly striving to improve upon the services available to such voters.

- Voters with disabilities as well as those over 65 have easy access to absentee mail ballots. The application will be sent to the voter upon request with a pre-addressed envelope to return the application. Once the application is completed and received in the election office, the ballot will be mailed to the voter following the guidelines laid out by the Secretary of State. Every effort will be made to ensure the timely delivery and acknowledgement of such ballots. The voter will be able to track their ballot using the ballot tracker on VoteTexas.gov.
- For those wishing to vote in person, accessible equipment is available at each polling location and a policy has been put in place giving voting priority to those with accessibility needs. The policy is essentially a fast track to the front of the line for those voters.
- Assistants, witnesses and interpreters may help in the process and for those who don't have a designee, poll workers are readily available to assist.
- Election staff are on hand to meet any reasonable accommodations needed by voters in the polling location or through the other various methods of voting as prescribed by law.
- Curbside voting is also available for the convenience of our voters who have difficulty accessing the building. At a designated spot a bell call is available with a sign instructing the voter to (1) press the call button, (2) Call into the polling location or (3) a number will be available to text to reach the election judge for that particular location. Once contact has been made the judge or poll worker will begin the voting process. Every effort will be made to ensure the process goes smoothly for the voting public in need of assistance.