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## General Comment

I am a totally blind and severely hearing impaired 87 year old man who prides himself on voting in every election.

My issues and concerns are:

1. Often when I personally go to the polling site, the poll workers are uncertain about how to load the cartridge into the machine so that I may use the audio feature of the machine and independently and privately cast my vote.
2. If I choose to vote by mail, I presently cannot do so independently and privately. The State of Texas does allow military personnel to vote electronically but has thus far not allowed me to do so. So, I am forced to request sighted assistance and reveal my choices to another person. I am also concerned about the signature verification process. Because I am blind, my signature does vary and I want to be assured that if there is any question, I will be contacted by the Election Administrator and allowed to confirm my signature, if necessary in person. This is not presently the situation here in Texas.

Thank you.

Larry P. Johnson