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**New Comal County elections equipment to arrive Thursday**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — More than 200 new voting machines for use in this November's elections will arrive at the Comal County Elections Office on Thursday.

The machines, purchased as part of a new \$1.2 million contract with Hart InterCivic, replace the touch-screen machines in use since 2004. Maintenance on the older machines had become prohibitively expensive, said Elections Coordinator Cynthia Jaqua, and replacements were no longer being made.

“These new machines will be easier for voters to use and make the Election Night process quicker and simpler for election officials and judges,” Jaqua said. “We’re excited to receive them and begin working with them.”

The Hart equipment also will provide greater privacy for voters, who no longer will need an elections worker to help set up their screen before voting, Jaqua said. Reporting results at the end of the night also will be streamlined with the new machines.

The Comal County Commissioners Court approved the contract with Hart on July 2. The Elections Office will provide the public a chance to try out the machines before early voting begins in October for the Nov. 3 election.

More information about Hart InterCivic and the new machines can be found [at the Hart website](#).

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