

DECLARATION OF LESLIE JACKSON

My name is Leslie Jackson and I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I declare the following:

1. I am a registered Georgia voter and resident in Fulton county.
2. I am a United States citizen and am 48 years old. I have not been declared mentally incompetent by a judge, and I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction.
3. I wanted to vote by absentee ballot this year because I have high blood pressure, which makes the COVID-19 virus more dangerous for me. I am also African-American, and the virus has hit my community a lot harder.
4. I also live close to my mother and her husband, who are both over 75 years old. I see them pretty regularly because I do the grocery shopping for them so they are not exposed to the virus.
5. I have been socially distancing as much as I can during the pandemic.
6. I emailed an application for an absentee ballot on April 14, 2020.
7. On May 29, 2020 I received a confirmation that my application for a ballot was being processed.
8. As the election got closer and closer, I started to contact the Secretary of State's office to try and figure out where my ballot was.

9. I finally got a response from someone at the Secretary of State's office. They referred me to the My Voter Page link, which I had already been checking pretty regularly and hadn't seen any updates.
10. But after I heard back from the Secretary of State's office, my status was updated. The My Voter Page now said that my absentee ballot was received on June 3, 2020, and was also issued on June 3, 2020.
11. To this day, I have not received my absentee ballot.
12. On the Friday before Election Day, I decided that I should vote early since my absentee ballot had not arrived yet.
13. I was nervous about voting in person but I wanted to make sure my vote was counted. So I put on two masks and goggles and went to vote in-person.
14. When I got to the polling place, the line was already very long. People were pretty good about socially distancing themselves. But when it started raining, people started gathering together more.
15. Once we got inside the building, the situation was a nightmare. I could tell they had tried to socially distance, but there was no way they could fit so many people and maintain six feet apart. There were probably fifty or so chairs inside the building, and they were not spaced out six feet apart. The voting machines were very close together too. They definitely were not six feet apart.

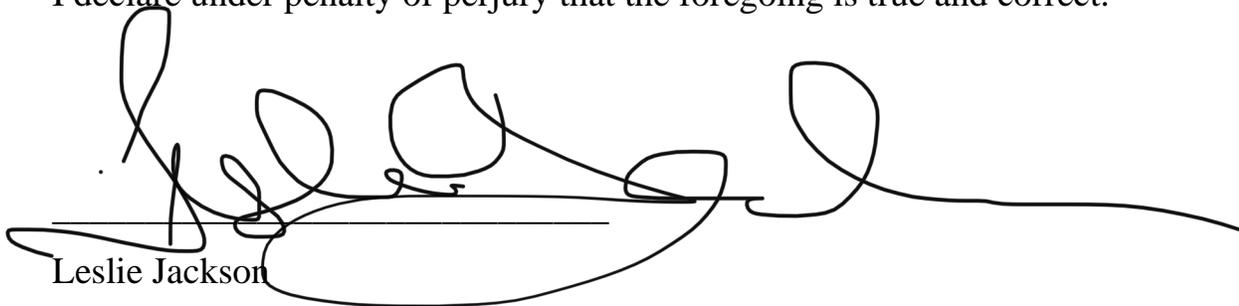
16. I had to be inside the building for about 45 minutes to an hour.

17. I was freaked out about having to be inside the building for so long in such cramped condition. I felt like I would have a panic attack.

18. I finally finished voting after about four hours of waiting. When I left, I saw that the line was even longer than when I had gotten there.

19. Next election, I'm not going to fool around with an absentee ballot. Even though voting in-person was not a good experience, I feel like I can't trust the mail-in ballot process after what happened to me.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Leslie Jackson

6/22/2020

Date