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16 years, Deer Park Democrat Ed Watson on Monday withdrew his challenge of the Nov. 8 election that "We have a lot of work to do and need to go to work for the constitu-ents in District 129," he said. gave the seat to Republican Mike ackson of La Porte by seven votes.

The Battalion

'My information is that the choice of this committee would be that we would have another election in House District 129," Watson, 68, told a special House panel appointed to investigate the matter.

After looking at the "personal sac-rifice" required of himself, his family and contributors, Watson said, "I have come to the conclusion, my family has come to the conclusion, that we would request this committee not to take any further action in this

case." Recount results in the election showed Watson losing to Jackson 13,009 to 13,002. Watson contended there were discrepancies in vote-

The special House committee had the option of recommending to the House that Jackson retain the seat, Watson be seated in his place, or a

watson seiter and market of a special election be called. Watson said he heard "through the grapevine" that a new election would be recommended.

'I think we could've won it, but it would've been a nasty, long, drawnout campaign, and very, very expensive," he said

who presided over the evidentiary

"The court unequivocally con-cludes that the color of Clarence Brandley's skin was a substantial fac-

tor which pervaded all aspects of the

hearing, apparently agreed.

the challenge was over

Monday, January 17, 1989

"We have a lot of work to do and

Watson asked that the special panel refer to the House Elections Committee some information discovered during an election investiga-tion. He said 105 voters swore they were registered, but they were not.

Jackson said voter registration questions often occur in elections. For example, people who move from one precinct to another are supposed to re-register, but they may not, he said.

Rep. Jim Parker, special commit-tee chairman, said he probably would not formally refer the matter tee to the Elections Committee. The Democrat from Comanche said he planned to ask the committee, the attorney general's election division and the secretary of state to unofficially look at whether the affidavit procedure for voters should be tightened.

"I'm not leaving this House with any bitterness towards anyone," Watson said.

"I hope Mr. Jackson the best in his endeavor," he said. "I think when he gets his first paycheck from the state, he's going to wonder, 'Why in the heck did I do this in the first place?'" Lawmakers earn \$600 a month.

However, Houston attorney Mike

DeGeurin, Brandley's lead attorney

on appeal, said the record as devel-oped in the evidentiary hearing clearly shows the atmosphere in Montgomery County was so "racially

charged" after Brandley's arrest that

Evidence shows racism affected the manner in which the slaying of Fergeson, 16, was investigated, the attitude of the trial index and the

attitude of the trial judge and the prosecutor and the testimony of

prosecution witnesses, some of whom have claimed they lied be-cause of intimidation, DeGeurin

Father says

shooting was

unwarranted

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