THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
MODIFICATION TO THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT
CRIMINAL LAW HEARING OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott proposes to require District Judges to magistrate certain categories of felonies and violent misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter L, Chapter 54 of the Texas Government Code provides, in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, the authority to a board composed of a number of various judges to appoint criminal law hearing officers, with the consent and approval of the commissioners court, to performed the duties authorized by the subchapter; and

WHEREAS, the provisions stated herein should be modified to expand the authority to a similar appointment procedure in Fort Bend County who would be empowered to perform the same duties, including the magistration of certain categories of felonies and violent misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, additional legislation is needed to enable associate judges to magistrate crimes similar to the aforementioned; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to expand the authority granted in Subchapter L, Chapter 54 of the Texas Government Code to certain counties to include Fort Bend County, and authorize associate judges in Fort Bend County to magistrate certain categories of felonies and violent misdemeanors.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 29th day of January, 2019.

By: _____
KP George
County Judge

By: _____
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Commissioner Pct. 1

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James "Grady" Prestage
Commissioner Pct. 2

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Commissioner Pct. 3

By: _____
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Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk