

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A MASTER INTERPRETER**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas currently requires that any person providing court-related interpreter services hold a license as a Master Interpreter; and

**WHEREAS**, this requirement limits the number of available interpreters and could potentially delay the administration of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, any person licensed as a Basic Interpreter License or licensed as an interpreter eligible to provide those services in Federal courts are sufficiently qualified; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation is necessary to eliminate or modify the State requirement of having a Master Interpreter present for LEP arrestees and other defendants and allow the use of a subscription language line for magistration; a Basic Licensed, or Federal licensed interpreter in court; 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 eliminate or modify the State requirement of having a Master Interpreter present for LEP arrestees and other defendants and allow the use of a subscription language line for magistration; a Basic Licensed, or Federal licensed interpreter in court

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Judge

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Laura Richard, County Clerk

