



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 3rd day of February 2025, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge;
Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

Whereas, HB 1588 has been filed in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature and would significantly overhaul and improve training requirements for Texas-elected officials; and

Whereas, under current requirements, elected officials in Texas are mandated to undergo specific training provided primarily by a limited number of private associations, including the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and its affiliates; and

Whereas, failure to complete these mandated training programs can result in elected officials being removed from office, creating a coercive system; and

Whereas, these private associations have also created lobbying arms funded in part by taxpayer dollars, raising concerns about conflicts of interest and accountability; and

Whereas, HB 1588 seeks to reform this system by opening the training process to greater competition and removing burdensome mandates, ensuring that elected officials have access to diverse, cost-effective, and high-quality training options; and

Whereas, the qualifications and performance of elected officials should ultimately be judged by the citizens who elect them.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** hereby acknowledges the following:

1. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** expresses its support for HB 1588 and thanks Representative Terri Leo Wilson for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass HB 1588 during the 89th Legislative Session.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this **Resolution** is spread upon the minutes of this **Court** and copies be sent to the Office of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and the Office of the Governor of Texas.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above **Resolution** passed this 3rd day of February 2025.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Darrell A. Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4