



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 17th day of February, 2025, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a special meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark 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, H.B. 2273 has been filed in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature and would allow for the temporary appointment of the duties of the County Judge in Galveston County initiated by the elected County Judge, especially in case of disaster; and

Whereas, Texas Local Government Code section 81.028 already permits for the temporary delegation of the duties of County Judge in counties with a population of more than 1.5 million; and

Whereas, Texas Local Government Code sections 81.029 and 81.0291 permit for the temporary delegation of the duties of a County Judge in two additional counties who have populations less than 1.5 million; and

Whereas, Both the State of Texas and many municipalities have a legal process for who can handle the disaster powers and administrative duties of a chief executive if they are unavailable, especially during times of disaster; and

Whereas, the Texas Local Government Code currently does not provide Galveston County a legal mechanism for temporary leadership or delegation of duties in cases where a county judge is incapacitated or unavailable, thereby hindering the continuity and risk management of county government; and

Whereas, H.B. 2273 is necessary to provide a legal framework for the temporary delegation of the duties of a County Judge to ensure efficient and effective county government operations in Galveston County, especially during times of disaster.

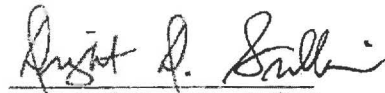
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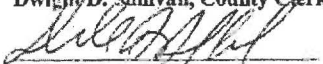
1. The **Galveston County Commissioners' Court** expresses its support for H.B. 2273 and thanks Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners' Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass H.B. 2273 during the 89th Legislative Session.

Be it further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be 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 17th day of February 2025.

Attest:


Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk


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



Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

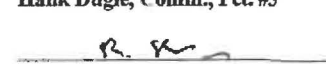


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when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

Whereas, the State of Texas requires political subdivisions in Section 2051 of the Government Code to publish public notices to keep citizens informed of public meetings and governmental actions; and

Whereas, HB 1080 allows political subdivisions to complete these public notice standards via media with greater access than legacy newspapers, guaranteeing that citizens are communicated with efficiently; and

Whereas, the use of alternative media, including utility bills, direct mailings, websites, and social media provides a widely accessible means of notice, especially for citizens who do not consume legacy print media; and

Whereas, HB 1080 will reduce taxpayer burden by eliminating costs of traditional newspaper advertising while enhancing transparency and access to information; and

Whereas, the passage of HB 1080 is an opportunity to end the exclusive, monopolistic publication rights of newspapers, allowing political subdivisions to choose the most efficient and economical means of communication.


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 1080 and thanks Representative Pat Curry for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass HB 1080 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.

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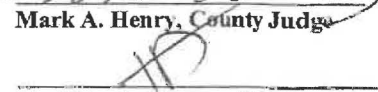

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when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

Whereas, the Galveston County Commissioners Court recognizes the importance of providing consistent, high-quality services to the residents of Galveston County; and

Whereas, uniformity in work hours for department heads, assistants, deputies, and other county employees ensures the predictable and efficient delivery of public services that our constituents rely upon; and

Whereas, HB 1338 seeks to amend Section 157.021(a) of the Texas Local Government Code to allow counties with populations of 350,000 or more to adopt and enforce uniform work hour rules for county employees whose compensation is set or approved by the commissioner's court; and

Whereas, Galveston County has experienced significant population growth and increasing demand for timely, reliable constituent services, making it essential for the county to establish uniform policies that enhance operational efficiency and accountability; and

Whereas, the adoption of consistent work hour rules under HB 1338 would provide the necessary structure to ensure equitable expectations for all county employees, reducing confusion and promoting a unified approach to public service delivery.

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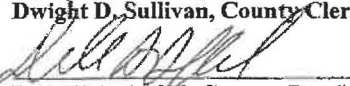
1. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** expresses its support for HB 1338 and thanks Representative Terri Leo Wilson for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass HB 1338 during the 89th Legislative Session.

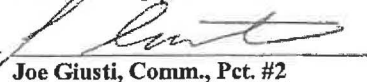
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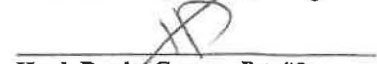

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when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

Whereas, future protection from coastal surges caused by hurricanes and tropical storms is critical to the Texas Coast's well-being, and **The Gulf Coast Protection District** is responsible for overseeing projects that fortify infrastructure, protect economic assets, and safeguard our communities against these increasing threats; and

Whereas, **The Gulf Coast Protection District** was established by the 87th Texas Legislature in 2021 through Senate Bill 1160 to include Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange counties; and

Whereas, SB 410, introduced by Senator Middleton, seeks to enhance the governance, operations, and financial management of **The Gulf Coast Protection District** to ensure its projects effectively meet the needs of the region; and

Whereas, SB 410 would require that a supermajority of voters in **The Gulf Coast Protection District** approve the creation of an ad valorem tax rate in the district; and

Whereas, to guarantee that all member counties have an equal say in important decisions, the voting structure of **The Gulf Coast Protection District** should be updated to ensure that no tax rate is passed unless two-thirds of voters approve it; and

Whereas, the passage of SB 410 does not hinder **The Gulf Coast Protection District's** mission to advance projects that mitigate flood risks and protect the economic vitality and safety of the Texas Coast.

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 SB 410 and thanks Senator Mayes Middleton for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass SB 410 during the 89th Legislative Session.

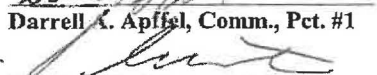
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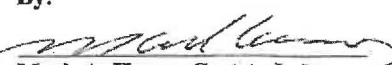

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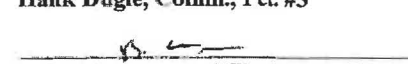


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Whereas, uniformity in work hours for department heads, assistants, deputies, and other county employees ensures the predictable and efficient delivery of public services that our constituents rely upon; and

Whereas, SB 65 seeks to amend Section 157.021(a) of the Texas Local Government Code to allow counties with populations of 250,000 or more to adopt and enforce uniform work hour rules for county employees whose compensation is set or approved by the commissioner's court; and

Whereas, Galveston County has experienced significant population growth and increasing demand for timely, reliable constituent services, making it essential for the county to establish uniform policies that enhance operational efficiency and accountability; and

Whereas, the adoption of consistent work hour rules under SB 65 would provide the necessary structure to ensure equitable expectations for all county employees, reducing confusion and promoting a unified approach to public service delivery.

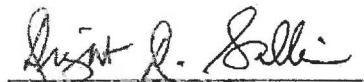
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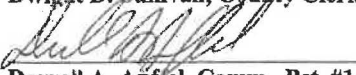
1. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** expresses its support for SB 65 and thanks Senator Judith Zaffirini for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass SB 65 during the 89th Legislative Session.

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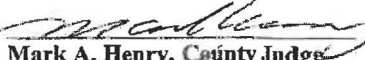

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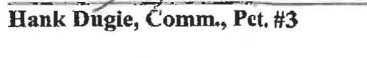

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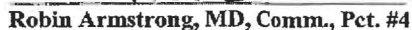


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when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

Whereas, HB 309 has been filed in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature and would ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying; and

Whereas, taxpayer-funded lobbying in Texas has grown out of control and millions of dollars of taxpayer money is being spent in Austin to advocate against the best interest of taxpayers; and

Whereas, local government organizations, such as the Texas Association of Counties, have expanded beyond providing useful and important services and now use taxpayer funds for significant lobbying efforts that may operate in contradiction to local governing bodies; and

Whereas, HB 309 would not impact the ability of local governments to effectively communicate with the Texas Legislature, as local elected officials and their staff are exempt from registering as a lobbyist; and

Whereas, HB 309 would not dissolve local government organizations, such as the Texas Association of Counties, and would continue to allow these organizations to continue providing their other services.

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 309 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 309 during the 89th Legislative Session.

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

Whereas, SB 239 has been filed in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature and would ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying; and

Whereas, taxpayer-funded lobbying in Texas has grown out of control and millions of dollars of taxpayer money is being spent in Austin to advocate against the best interest of taxpayers; and

Whereas, local government organizations, such as the Texas Association of Counties, have expanded beyond providing useful and important services and now use taxpayer funds for significant lobbying efforts that may operate in contradiction to local governing bodies; and

Whereas, SB 239 would not impact the ability of local governments to effectively communicate with the Texas Legislature, as local elected officials and their staff are exempt from registering as a lobbyist; and

Whereas, SB 239 would not dissolve local government organizations, such as the Texas Association of Counties, and would continue to allow these organizations to continue providing their other services.

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 SB 239 and thanks Senator Mayes Middleton for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass SB 239 during the 89th Legislative Session.

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

Whereas, SB 240: The Texas Women's Privacy Act has been filed in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature; and

Whereas, government cannot and should never seek to impose fringe social theories on citizens, especially when those theories are contested or widely viewed as damaging to the common good; and

Whereas, The Texas Women's Privacy Act, acknowledges the legal and scientific consensus that there are two sexes, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's Executive Order entitled 'Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government; and

Whereas, The Texas Women's Privacy Act, protects and upholds the safety of citizens seeking to utilize public services, prioritizing the right of the public to access services free from legitimate fear and unscientific social experimentation; and

Whereas, The Texas Women's Privacy Act would mandate that private spaces in facilities owned, operated, or controlled by state agencies and political subdivisions be designated for and used only by persons based on the person's biological sex; and

Whereas, a private space means a facility designed or designated for use by more than one person at a time, where a person may be in a state of undress in the presence of another person, regardless of whether the facility provides curtains or partial walls and includes such spaces as restrooms, locker rooms, correctional facilities, and sleeping quarters; and

Whereas, The Texas Women's Privacy Act does not prohibit a political subdivision from adopting policies necessary to accommodate persons protected under the Americans With Disability Act; and

Whereas, The Texas Women's Privacy Act also does not prohibit a political subdivision from establishing single occupancy private spaces or family restrooms, changing rooms, or sleeping quarters


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 SB 240: **The Texas Women's Privacy Act**
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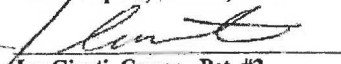
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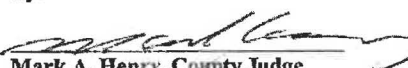

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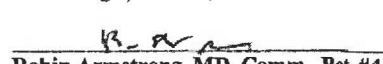


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when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

Whereas, SB 411 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, SB 411 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.

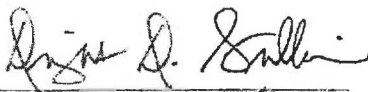
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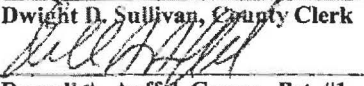
1. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** expresses its support for SB 411 and thanks Senator Mayes Middleton for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
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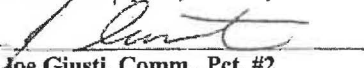
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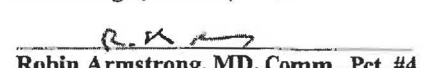


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when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

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:

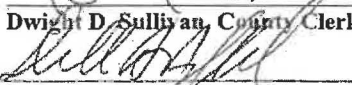
1. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** expresses its support for HB 1588 and thanks Representative Terri Leo Wilson for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass HB 1588 during the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

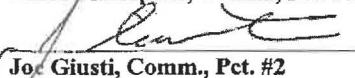
Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this **Resolution** is spread upon the minutes of this **Court** and copies be sent to the Office of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and the Office of the Governor of Texas.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above **Resolution** passed this 17th day of February 2025.

Attest:


Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk


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



Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2




County of Galveston, Texas

By:


Mark A. Henry, County Judge


Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3


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