

RESOLUTION

Commissioners Court Budgetary Responsibility

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution was carefully drafted to divide governmental powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court is constitutionally and statutorily charged with the responsibility to determine the county budget and the funding necessary for county departments; and

WHEREAS, Texas statutes, including the Texas Local Government Code and the Texas Government Code, provide an orderly process for the creation and compensation of county employees, including judicial department positions; and

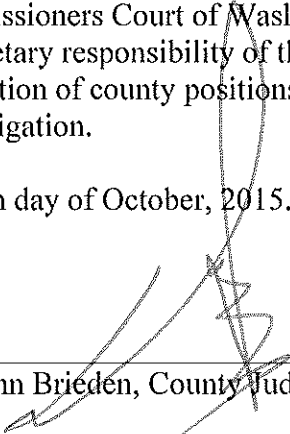
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1913 (codified as Section 75.401, Government Code) maintains the proper constitutional separation of powers, securing necessary staff for the judiciary while preserving the authority of the Commissioners Court to determine the creation and compensation of county positions through the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Galveston County has properly implemented the provisions of S.B. 1913 in the county budget; and

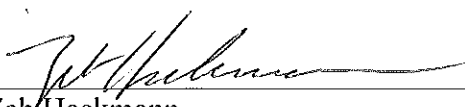
WHEREAS, certain members of the judiciary have refused to acknowledge the constitutional responsibility of the Commissioners Court and continue to litigate this matter; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Washington County does hereby urge that all parties recognize the proper budgetary responsibility of the Commissioners Court to determine the creation and compensation of county positions and implement the provisions of S.B. 1913 without further delay or litigation.

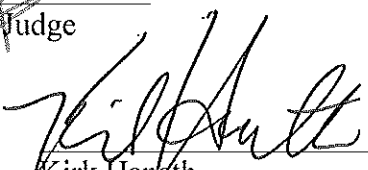
Read and adopted on this 20th day of October, 2015.



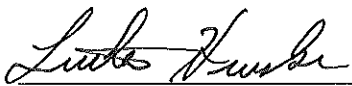
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