

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS

FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES
OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF 2020 CENSUS DATA
AND
ORDER FOR REDISTRICTING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

On the 26TH day of October, 2021, the Commissioners Court of Hardin County, Texas, met in Regular Session, having posted notice of said Open Meeting in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The Commissioners Court of Hardin County, Texas, has previously retained the firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP, of Austin, Texas, to conduct an Initial Assessment of existing political boundaries of Hardin County, following the issuance of census data by the United States Census Bureau. Attached to this Order, and incorporated herein for all purposes by reference, is a copy of the initial assessment conducted by Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. This assessment is based upon PL94-171 data, as required by federal law, and is further based upon information provided to Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP by the Texas Legislative Council, other official sources of information, and by Hardin County, Texas.

Based upon this information, Hardin County has a total maximum deviation in population of 19.11%. The term total maximum deviation is determined by dividing the total population of Hardin County by four, the number of Commissioners Court precincts to determine an ideal precinct size. The actual population of each precinct is then determined, based upon the official population data contained within the census count, as defined by Public Law 94-171. The actual population of each precinct is compared to the ideal precinct size and a range of deviation by percentage is determined. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under established federal law.

As a result of this determination, Hardin County has a constitutional duty to redistrict its political boundaries so as to achieve "One-Person-One-Vote" numerical balance between the four Commissioners Court precincts at a legally acceptable margin of deviation, and to make such changes as are necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act and applicable state and federal law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Commissioners Court of Hardin County, Texas expressly finds that it has a legal duty to redistrict. The public interest will be served by redrawing the existing political boundaries of Hardin County in such a manner as to comply with applicable state and federal law. The Commissioners Court hereby enters the following findings of fact and of law: