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THE STATE OF TEXAS
THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION OF TEXAS
ORDER EXTENDING TERMS OF COURTS

Whereas, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ("the Courts") have issued emergency orders related to the administration of justice during the state of disaster, including ordering all Texas courts to modify or suspend all deadlines and procedures when appropriate to avoid risk to staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and the public, and prohibiting courts from conducting non-essential proceedings in person contrary to local, state, or national directives, whichever is most restrictive, regarding maximum group size; and

Whereas, impaneling a grand jury would result in the gathering of large groups of individuals inconsistent with local directives regarding appropriate measures to avoid the transmission of COVID-19 and would risk the health of those called to grand jury duty and court staff;

Now therefore, pursuant to Section 24.0125 of the Texas Government Code and with the approval of the respective judges of the 460th, 450th, and 147th District Courts, it is ordered that the current term of the 460th, 450th and 147th District Courts are hereby extended until December 15, 2020.

SIGNED this 14th day of May, ~~2020~~

Billy Ray Stubblefield
Presiding Judge, Third Administrative Judicial Region

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